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**IDF** confirms skeletal remains are Ilan Sa'adon's

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DNA tests have confirmed that the skeletoo found buried under a road near Palmahim beach last month is that of missiog soldier Ilan Sa'adon, the IDF announced yesterday.

His family was notified last night. Sa'adon will be buried today in Ashkelon.

Chief IDF Chaplain Maj.-Gen. Rabbi Gad Navon officially declared Sa'adon no longer a soldier whose place of burial is unknowo. Besides the DNA test, Navon also based his halachic decision on items found at the burial site, the army said.

Members of the IDF's department for locating missing persons found Sa'adon's body after receiving a tip from the Palestinian Authority.

Sa'adon was kidnapped and murdered by Hamas terrorists on May 3, 1989 while hitchhiking to his home in Ashkelon. His kidnappers fled to Sudan and Syria and after many years of futile searches a deal was worked out with the help of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat to obtain information on where the terrorists had dumped his body. Searchers dug to depths of over 8 meters to find his remains.

#### Health Ministry did not stock diphtheria anti-toxin

JUDY SIEGEL

2 draws since 1000 to ministry has failed gle usable dose of diphtheria antitoxin in the country, even though the disease claimed the life of an eight-year-old Bnei Brak boy in 1988, The Jerusalem Post has : learned.

A four-year-old Jerusalem girl died of the infectious disease nine days ago. She had not been inoculated as a baby.

Last night, a supply of 15 to 20 doses arrived here from France. after the Health Ministry conducted a frantic worldwide search for the rare substance.

The latest case was tentatively diagnosed by family practitioner Dr. Pesach Ostroy in his Mea She'arim clinic on Wednesday, July 31. He urged the parents to take their daughter urgently to ▲ Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem and informed the hospital. She was treated by Hadassah pediatric infectious diseases expert Dr. Dan Engelhardt, who inserted a pacemaker, but her heart failed under attack from the disease.

Health Ministry public health department director Dr. Alex Levinthal claimed Hadassah doctors requested a dose of the serum only at midnight on Friday, August 2, less than 24 hours before the Mea She'arim girl died of the disease.

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A mob of Turkish Cypriots heat a Greek Cypriot protester to death yesterday along the cease-fire line that divides Turkish

### 1 dead, 47 injured in Cyprus clashes

**News agencies** 

A GREEK Cypriot man was killed and 35 others were wounded in clashes with Turkish Cypriots yesterday across the cease-fire line that has divided the island since Turkey invaded the north in 1974.

Twelve Turkish Cypriot civilians and policemen were also wounded, the foreign and defense minister of the Turkish Cypriot government, Atay Rasit, told a news conference in northern Cyprus.

The violence, the worst in many years, erupted when a group of Greek Cypriot motorcyclists defied a government order and pushed through the Green Line to protest against Turkey's occupation.

A doctor at Paralimni hospital

said a 24-year-old Greek Cypriot man died of head injuries. Witnesses said the victim fell on barbed wire in the buffer zone and was beaten by Turkish Cypriot demonstrators on the head.

"He was lying there face upwards and the Turks attacked him. They beat his head to a pulp," one wit-Hospital sources and police said

the 35 Greek Cypriots were wounded by bullets, stones and air rifle shots, mainly in the village of Aghna and the southeastern\_village of Dherinia. .UN spokesman Waldemar

Rokoszewski said Turkish troops

fired at the bikers after they drove through the cease-fire line.

Some 7,000 Greek Cypriot and foreign bikers had gathered for the demonstrations. Some of the motorcyclists had spent a week riding across Europe.

The foreign bikers consisted of 14 European delegations, with smaller oumbers from the US and Canada.

The protests along the UNpatrolled 180-km Green Line that splits the island into Christian Greek and Moslem Turkish sectors were held despite a government appeal to cancel them to avoid inflaming sectarian passions.

The rock-throwing protesters

broke through Turkish barricades at several points. They were opposed by several hundred Turkish Cypriots in civilian clothes, who outnumbered the protesters.

Police said that the 13 Greek Cypriots were injured at different points along the Green Line. Most had superficial injuries, but two were reported in serious condition. Several had been hit by 22-caliber bullets, police claimed.

On the northeastern edge of Nicosia, dozens of bikers tore down barbed wire barricades erected by the \_\_1,200-strong . UN \_ force and stormed into the narrow buffer separating the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot sectors.

## Arafat may seek int'l arbitration

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN Chairman Yasser Arafat said in his first full interview with the Israeli media yesterday that the Oslo accords are an international agreement and he will look to international arbitration if the peace process becomes deadlocked.

And in his first interview with the daily Al-Quds, published in yesterday's issue, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu made clear that Jerusalem is a deadlocked

There is no way we are going to agree with the Palestinian Authority on the final status of Jerusalem. It looks like it is one of

those unresolved issues," he said. Arafat reiterated his vision of Jerusalem being like Rome, in which the Vatican has sovereignty inside the capital of Italy and peo-ple move freely between the two

If there is no agreement, "We have the United Nations, we have The Hague, we have the co-sponsors, we have the Security Council, we have the Europeans, We'll go to arbitration," Arafat told Channel I. "It is an international need. There is no other choice but to carry on with the

peace process. Arafat said that regardless of Netanyahu's agenda he cannot ignore the PLO leader.

"He is trying to avoid meeting me now, [but] I am the most

important figure in the Middle East equation," Arafat said.
Netanyahu told Al-Quds, the largest Palestinian daily, that he would meet Arafat "when it is necessary." Netanyahu attempted to downplay the significance of his

decision concerning settlement expansion, which has riled the PA in recent days. He said he was lalking of "natural expansion of settlements" which would be decided "under the supervision of the government" and "not by the local communities."

Asked if there was likely to be a new intifada, Arafat said Palestinians see Israel as "one of the richest countries" in the world, and suggested that this made Israeli measures which struck at their livelihoods more painful,

"What do you expect from those who are facing confiscation of land every day," he continued. They are eating from this land. We are not rich like you. We haven't billions in donations from the American administration like you. How can he [Israel] face himself alone while his neighbor is facing starvation ... You have to be very careful. The closure and the starvation have arrived at the red

Asked if he could stop Hamas terror attacks if the closure were broadly lifted, Arafat said, "I am doing my best," and equated Palestinian terror attacks with the Hebron massacre and the killing of "the engineer,"

In response to a question about why he praised bombmaker Ythye Ayyash ("the engineer"), he said his assassination in Gaza (attributed to Israel) last January was "terror against terror" and he should have been allowed to arrest Ayyash and bring him to trial.

He also compared the thesis of Hamas terror against Israelis with the threat of Jewish extremists (Continued on Page 2)

### US: Expel illegal foreign workers to give jobs to Palestinians

**DAVID MAKOVSKY and DAVID HARRIS** 

THE US has appealed to Prime million revenues for the PA." Mioister Binyamin Netanyahu to expel 100,000 illegal foreign workers to make more room for Palestinians seeking employ-

The appeal was made directly to Netanyahu last week by visiting US Undersecretary for Trade Stuart Eizenstadt.

It is estimated that there are at least 200,000 foreign workers here – perhaps even 250,000 – out of whom no more than 100,000 are legally employed. They initially came here several years ago to replace Palestinian workers barred from Israel due to closures imposed after Hamas' suicide bombings.

Last week during a visit to Amman, Netanyahu announced he would permit 5,000 more Palesunians to work in Israel, bringing the total up to 40,000.

Io an interview before his

departure, Eizenstadt said, "l told the prime minister that we think those people who are here illegally should not be allowed to stay, and thereby help ease the Palestinian situation. He told me he agreed, and would prefer their jobs be taken by

Palestinians. An official in the Prime Minister's Office confirmed this account.

Terje Larsen, the UN special coordinator for the territories. said there is a oeed to "radically iocrease the number of Palestinian workers. This is compatible with legitimate Israeli security concerns. An increase in Palestinian workers has twofold significance. It both raises living conditioos, as each worker supports 10 people, and every 10,000 workers in Israel

per annum brings in about \$20

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Yet, it seems that oo immediate action agaiost illegal foreign workers is being consid-

The inter-ministerial committee on foreign workers has reportedly suggested, in its interim recommendations, that the number of foreign workers be reduced by 20,000 by next April. However, even assuming oo additiooal workers are brought in, the committee says it would take at least five years for law enforcement officials to expel all of the illegal workers.

The committee, headed by Labor and Social Affairs Ministry Acting Director-General Asher Pri-Har, is investigating the future options for the country's foreign workers.

Deputy "Minister of Construction and Housing Meir Porush last night issued a state-ment criticizing the committee's

recommendations. There is no room to reduce the number of foreign workers at the time when the building sector is at the peak of its activily," Porush said, ooting that though one must not ignore the social problems presented by biring workers from abroad, the short-term effect would be to delay construction and raise apartment prices.

In letters to Netaoyahu, Interior Minister Eli Suissa and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, Porush asked for a two-week delay in deciding on the reductioo. That would give the committee time to examine the issue afresh, Porush said.

The committee's final recommendations are to be submitted by November.

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A TOP general said yesterday that settlers in Judea and Samaria are Arad said. not accepting some safety measures, such as fencing off their settlements, and that this could hamper an IDF withdrawal in Hebron.

The safety packages, including solutions particular to Hebron. have been prepared. "Some have been implemented.

and some have run ioto ideologi-cal opposition from settlers," OC

He said the settlers opposed putting fences and walls around their enclaves in Hebron.

Noam Amon, spokesman for the Hebron Jewisb residents, said the material protections the army is offering are no substitute for IDF troops, which the residents emphatically want to remain.
"We are not prepared to live in a

ghetto and behind walls. They want us to put bullet-proof glass in our windows. But we want to live as the Hatikva says: 'A free people in our own land,'" Arnon said. "We want physical protection, not safety windows and walls around

Internal Security Minister have," Kahalani said on Army

Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday that the IDF soon would redeploy its troops in Hebron.

"I think that what we are trying to do is to try to see how we can withdraw from this area and to keep the security in our hands. This is the only problem that we

Arad, speaking to military reporters, said the Home Front has offered to subsidize the installations of "distress buttons" in the vehicles of resideots of Judea,

Samaria and the Gaza Strip. The Motorola-linked system includes a GPS, or global positioning system, that uses satellites to report the exact location of any vehicle. Hundreds have been

installed already and residents reportedly received letters with details on bow they can obtain

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to visit Hebron later this week to consolidate the government's position on withdrawal. The defense minister is reportedly to meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in the beginning of next week.

Bassiouny's denial of interference BILL HUTMAN

> **EGYPTIAN** Mohammed Bassiouny yesterday denied allegations that he wrongly ioterfered in the dispute over Jerusalem office of Palestinian Authority councilor Hattem Abdel Khader, the resolution of which the government

Kahalani

aide supports

has questioned. Bassiouny said that Khader and the Internal Security Ministry had contacted bim and that he had helped bring the two sides together so they could reach a resolution.

"It is wrong to say that I intervened," Bassiouny said. "They came to me, not me to them, so how can you call this interven-

Ami Gluska, a senior aide to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, confirmed that he had contacted Bassiouny, and that the ambassador gave. Khader his telephone number which allowed for the first contact between the Palestinian councilor and ministry.

"I want to clarify that Kahalani never charged the amhassador with interfering in Israel's inter-nal affairs," Gluska said.

He said he contacted Bassiouny after hearing media reports about the ambassador's meeting with Khader.

"In the phone conversation, I expressed wonder about the reports. But the amhassador made clear to me that he was not interfering, that he bad not initiated anything, and that Khader had contacted him," Gluska said. Gluska denied that he bad

asked for any sort of Egyptian mediation, and reiterated that a "take it or leave proposal was presented to Abdel Khader,"

### PA denies it runs Jerusalem offices

THE government is wroogly Palestinian the Authority with operating several offices in east Jerusalem, in an anempt to find an excuse for foot-dragging on the peace process, according to officials at Orient House, the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem.

Palestinian sources in the city expressed surprise at reports in the Israeli press that the government had set a deadline for the closure of three offices allegedly connected with the PA in the city, saying they have received oo word of such a deadline.

One of the three offices - the department of Youth and Sports that operated out of Orient House is no longer in operation, and the other two - the Maps and Geography Department of the Arab Studies Society in Wadi Joz, and the Vocational Studies Institute in Shuafat - are not affiliated with the PA. according to the sources.

**BILL HUTMAN** 

The sources described the Vocational Studies Institute as an independent, Non-Governmental Organization, which at times does work for the PA. The Maps and Geography Department office only deals with issues related to Jerusalem, while the sections of the department operatiog under the PA's umbrella were long ago moved to Ramallah, the sources said.

Similarly, Nabil Amar former-ly ran a local Youth and Sports Department out of Orient House, but since taking an official post with the PA several months ago bas moved his office to

Ramallah, the sources said. The sources said they know nothing of reports Foreign Minister David Levy presented PA Chairman Yasser Arafat at their meeting last month with an ultimatum to close the offices. in Jerusalem," Areikat said.

The Hebrew daily Ha'aretz reported Friday the government had set an August 15 deadline for the closures, linking the move with the discussion scheduled that day by the US Congress oo American aid to the PA.

According to the report, Israel has a commitment from the US that the aid will be held up if there are continued violations of the ban on PA activity in Jerusalem. "We have not been approached by any party, including the PA, the Israelis, or the Americans, on the issue (of closing down the three offices)," said Orient House spokesman Ma'en Areikat.

"We are in constant contact with the Americans, and nothing of this nature (concerning the August 15 deadline) has been told to us.

"The Israeli allegations are totally unfounded. There is no such so-called illegal PA activity

### Palestinians allege further torture by Palestinian police

ONE week after large demonstra-tions in Nablus and Tulkarm followed the death of a prisoner at the hands of Palestinian police, Palestinian human rights activists report more beatings in the same prison and arbitrary abuse else-

where of civilians by police: On Saunday, a Jerusalem resident with an Israeli identity card but without Israeli citizenship; was beaten up hy police in Jericho after he tried to buil away from the curb and a speeding police car almost hit his van. The police car then blocked the north Jerusalem suburb of

JON IMMANUEL

bis exit and an officer arrested the driver, Khaldoun Kajabi.

Kajabi, from A-Ram, said he was taken to Jericho police station and accused of trampling a police officer's identity card on the ground. He was then taken to a nearby huilding and beaten by 10 policemen in a washroom for almost 30 minutes before he was allowed to

go, he said. A report from an Israeli clinic in

Shuafat said Kajabi was treated for a swollen eye, abrasions on his neck and bruises on both shoulders and arms, and was prescribed five days

Kajabi, in testimony given to human rights activist Bassem Eid, said that 10 policemen "with sticks, belts and iron bars bear [him] all over." Jericho police said that Kajabi had tried to hit a police officer after be was questioned.

Meanwhile. the Palestinian Center for the Protection of Human Rights said yesterday that its field worker visited four detainees from Juneid prison in a Nablus hospital suffering from "wounds inflicted by batons and water hoses. Several were beaten by a chair and all were marked and wounded on their bod-

The four were arrested in the March round-up of Hamas activists after four suicide bombings.

The center, headed by lawyer Khader Shkeirat, said the prisoners, whom it identified by name, claimed the worst interrogator was Abu Sakher, who threatened "to make you forget your mother's milk if you don't tell the truth."

Nablus police said that only the governor of Nablus could respond to the charges of renewed torture so soon after the death of Mahmud Jumayal, tortured to death in Juneid

prison two weeks ago.
The governor, Mahmud Elul, was not available for comment.

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**High Court rejects** appeal against closure of Relief Association

**DAVID RUDGE and Itim** 

terday rejected the Nazareth-Association's appeal that it be allowed to reopen, ruling that the association is part of Hamas' economic base and aids the families of Hamas terrorists who have been killed, imprisoned or

during a visit to the corps yesterday.

expelled from the country. The appeal, which was filed in March after OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine closed down the association, said the association was a charitable organization which belped indigent Palestinian families and did not present a security threat.

The Islamic Movement expressed disappointment over

the decision. "We still feel that the decision of OC Northern Command [Levine] and [then-defense minister! Shimon Peres to close the offices of the Relief Association was not legitimate," said Ibrihim Sarsur, a leading member of the Islamic Movement.

THE High Court of Justice yes- and diplomatic [authorities] continue to regard the Arab sector Relief and the minority Palestinian in reasi mom me view," and the High Court had shown it was no exception.

Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin Shahak (center) views the IDF's state-of-the-art communications

equipment, accompanied by Chief Communications Officer Avihu Distelman and other officers

Sarsur, who heads the Kafr Kassem local council in the Triangle, maintained that the association had acted legally in giving aid to the needy on a bumanitarian basis only.

This, he said, should have been taken into account by the court, even if there were a tiny number of cases that could be interpreted as being unacceptable.

"I'm very sorry about the High

Court's decision, which we will obviously uphold," he said. "I'm sure, however, that everything the government wanted to amend regarding the work of the

association will indeed be done so that all the obstacles which have preveoted the body from carrying out its holy and humanitarian work will be removed and it will be able to continue to serve those who so desperately need its

financial and material support." authorities and never vaccinated, as her middle-aged Americanborn parents treated her for her

illnesses and did not take her to the neighborhood family health center. The rate of vaccinations against childhood diseases is only 68% in Mea She'arim, compared with nearly 90% in the rest of the

country. Among the reasons given for refusal are reported rulings hy some rabbis, rumors of vaccinated childreo who became ill, anti-Zionist sentiments and fears of hearing about contraception at

family health centers. Levinthal said the anti-toxin that arrived was produced from the serum of horses that had developed immunity to diphtheria; and-toxin from a human source is preferable, as some people are sensitive to proteins from animals. The material is rare, as anti-vivisectionists oppose killing horses to make the drug. "We have ordered anti-toxin from a human source but this will arrive only in about eight weeks. It is very important to have diphtheria anti-toxin in stock, whatever the expense and despite the rarity of the disease, and we will make sure we have it," he promised.

unknown to the municipal health ARAFAT

violating the interim agreement by operating in Jerusalem.

In Cairo over the weekend,

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

Public warned about Tel Aviv restaurant Health Ministry inspectors have discovered "serious" hygienic

violations in the Little Tel Aviv restaurant at 300 Rehov Hayarkon. The ministry warned yesterday that eating there could endanger public health and asked for an administrative order to

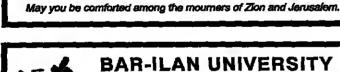
Youth killed while cleaning windows A 17-year-old was killed yesterday while cleaning the windows an office building in Tel Aviv. Zohar Ofri, a pupil from Rosh Ha'ayin, was attached by ropes to the roof of Beit Eiropa on Shaul Hamelech Avenue when he slipped and fell four floors to the street. He was rushed to the hospital in serious condition and later died of his injuries. Police detained the director of the

cleaning firm which had hired him for the summer job. Itim

Restrictions eased on villages

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan has eased the sweeping restrictions imposed by his predecessor on five Palestinian villages in the West Bank which were home to suicide bombers. The restrictions had barred anyone from the villages of Rafat, Dahariya, Burka, Fawar and Karyut from obtaining work

Some of the sanctions are still being enforced, such as banning relatives of suicide bombers as well as those connected with Hamas from getting work permits.



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The Family Shiva, from 4 p.m., at the home of the deceased,

They were put in touch with the Tel Aviv warehouse of the government company in charge of vaccines, which found only one dose - but it bad expired several years before. However, eveo if we had found a vial, it was too late to save her," Levinthal assert-

However, the Hadassah spokesman said last night that even though the diagnosis had not yet been confirmed in lab tests, its doctors asked the ministry for the anti-toxin on Thursday morning and then again on Friday morning - and not Friday midnight - and

were told there was oone. They then called other Israeli hospitals and received the same answer. Engelhardt said he couldn't say whether the girl would have survived if she had received the anti-toxin on Thursday morning, "but I'm happy it has now arrived in Israel."

After Levinthal began looking into the case, ministry Director-General Meir Oren last week ordered officials to locate doses of the anti-toxin for use in any emergency. If given early enough, Levinthal said, the serum can save a diphtheria victim from

(Continued from Page 1) against Palestinians, citiog the Hebron massacre in 1994. Al-Quds managing editor

Maher el-Sheikh, who conducted the interview in the Prime Minister's Office on Friday, said that Netanyahu expressed support "for a Palestinian entity next to Israel and open relations." He said it would not be a state, but would have "very generous selfrule," adding that the difference between the two was largely

HEALTH

He charged that "political, legal

Levinthal said that "over the years, we were certain that diphtheria anti-toxin was in stock in the warehouse. We had no idea it would not be there, even though the disease is extremely rare and the demand is negligible."

Since the girl's death, Levinthal spoke to ministry officials in charge of vaccine supply and found that the decision to discontinue the anni-toxin's supply was made six years ago by a ministry official who has since died and whom be declined to name.

"Office staffers weot over and over the matter, and said it must certainly have been taken on professional reasons, not as a maner of saving money. But we still don't know. In any case, we now have the anti-toxin, and we will inform the hospitals where it is if they need it. We will automatically replace it as the anti-serum expires." He added that a check showed that anti-toxins and vaccines for all other rare conditions

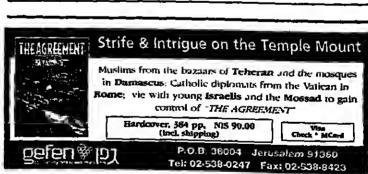
are all in the warehouse. The girl - an only child - was

"semantics" since the statehood which the Labor Party considered would have been severely restrict-

Arafat, for his part, said he was sure a Palestinian state would

"In my opinion ... in the final stage there will be an independent state, no doubt, or you are insistthis to every Israeli citizen." Netanyahu did not address redeployment in Hebron and other outstanding issues to be resolved in the interim accord, but emphasized that at this point the PA is

Arafat and the Fatah Central Committee met to discuss Israel's settlement plans and said they "represent a blow to the peace



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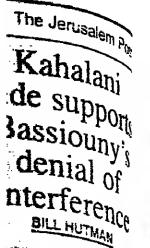
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Jerusalem's newest bridge, Ruppin Bridge, linking the government offices with Sderot Herzl, will be inaugurated today. The 191meter-long bridge passes over Road No. 4 and has two lanes in each direction. It cost NIS 10 million to construct.

### Third Way: Wait on annexing Ma'aleh Adumim

NOW is not the right time to annex Ma'aleh Adumim and the rest of metropolitan Jerusalem because doing so would violate Israel's agreements with the Palestinian Authority, Third Way MKs said yesterday during a visit to the town,

"We believe that Ma'aleh Adumim must be attached to Jerusalem," party head and Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani

He said the government "would be wise" if it encouraged construction that would link the two cities.

EIGHT teenage finalists, includ-

ing three from the US and

England, will this evening com-

pete in the seventh annual "Olympiyeda" science quiz.

The youngsters, who have stud-

ied for months, will answer ques-

tions on "sound and hearing." The

final round will be taped at the

Golan-Globus studios in Neve

Ilan outside Jerusalem and broad-

cast in three weeks on Educational

The finalists were chosen from

among 25 Israelis and 21 young-

sters from North America and

England, who won previous con-

rests in which thousands of their

peers participated. The 46 semi-

finalists took part in a scientific

workshop in the Haifa Technion

for a week starting at the end of

July and then toured the country.

The competition is sponsored by

the Ministry of Science, the

Jewish Agency, the Education

Ministry and the Haifa

Prof. Zvi Dori, founder and

director of Haifa's Recanati

National Science Museum in

Haifa, which organizes the com-

petition, said yesterday that the

participants are "wonderful, tal-

ented youngsters. It's a pleasure to

deal with such quality." Two girls, both Israelis, are among the final-

AFTER a long respite, the health system

pital system. IMA chairman Dr. Yoram

Blachar maintained that this decision "vio-

government and the IMA. In addition,

because of the Patients' Rights Law, which

Municipality.

Teenagers compete in

Olympiyeda science finals

English.

However, he added, now is not the time to address the issue of expanding Israel's borders to include Ma'aleh Adumim.

"I don't want to talk now about annexation, because that goes against the agreements," Kahalani said, at a press conference during

Third Way MK Emanuel Zissman, an outspoken proponent of annexarion, also said, "we can't annex the area now." But he and the

current competition

award, consisting of a lengthy

internship with a noted scientist in

his or her laboratory, will be pre-

sented to Shiran Beck, who was a

finalist in the 1994 Olympiyeda

The award was financed by

STET, the Italian Telephone and

Communications Company, in an

effort to promote excellence in

out research in the Technion's

chemistry department starting this

chemistry, the teenager will focus

his research on chemical process-

Interested in chemistry and hio-

now goes into effect, it would have been

right to increase the number of jobs because

Blachar demanded that the ministers issue

a statement declaring that the government has no intention of violating collective

agreements and of harming medical ser-

Meanwhile, the union of government hos-

pital nurses declared that the shortage of job

slots is causing a crisis, and that patients are

already being hospitalized in corridors and

of the greater demands on medical staffers."

science among Israeli youth.

on earth sciences.

es in hacteria.

other party MKs said the government should act, to put "facts on the ground that will make clear that this area is inseparable from Israel,"

Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel, at the start of the press conference, called for the annexation of metropolitan Jerusalem including Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, Beitar and the Etzioo Bloc. However, he did not press the issue after the MKs said the time was not

Kashriel said an immediate step that could be taken was moving the police roadhlock for Jerusalem from A-Zayim to near Mishor Adumim, considered one of the outer-limits of metropolitan Jerusalem, Kahalani did not com-

ment on the proposal. The Third Way members toured the city to see first hand the development there and the plans for future construction. Kahalani also met with Judea and Samaria police chief Alec Roo to discuss security

### Nine hurt in blaze which gutted Upper Nazareth home

**DAVID RUDGE** 

involved twice as many youngsters in all stages as that in 1995, NINE people were hurt - four of hospital for observation. when the theme was "See the Light." Next year, he hopes to include many more countries, and through a house in Upper Nazareth by the 50th anniversary of the

yesterday morning. Police and firemen broke into the State of Israel in 1998, it should be a fully international competi-Steinberg family's blazing home and plucked the children - four tion, he said. The next quiz will prohably he held in French or year-old triplets and their teenage Spanish in addition to Hebrew and sister - to safety.

The triplets, who had been trapped inside, were initially in seri-Meanwhile, the science museum and the Technion have awardous condition suffering from smoke ed their first annual Ourstanding inhalation. Young Scientist Award. The

They were treated at the scene by Magen David Adom paramedics,

who gave them oxygen. They then were rushed by ambulance to the Emek Hospital in Afula, where they were put on respirators. The hospital spokesperson said the triplets - Udi, Roi and Nadav - were seriously injured but after being on respirators their con-

dition had improved slightly. Their 13-year-old sister Leonora Beck will spend a year carrying also suffered from smoke inhalation and was kept in the hospital for observation, although her condition was less serious than that of her

brothers. Two firemen and three policemen also were treated for smoke inhalation. One fireman was kept in the

them children - when fire swept The drama began in the morning were at work.

A fire suddenly broke out in the kitchen. The five-year-old managed to climb out of the house through a window and ran to a neighbor. The emergency services were alerted and police, firemen and MDA ambulances quickly arrived at the

The police and firemen managed to break open a window and rescue the elder sister, who said her brothers were still inside.

The firemen eventually managed

A fireman was injured by a falling block during the rescue operation. District fire hrigade commander Amos Sabag said it appeared that the children had opened the stove's gas taps and gas had leaked into the kitchen. It was ignited by a spark from the refrigerator and the flames quickly spread through the rest of the house.

The Upper Nazareth municipality accommodations for the family.

other public areas (months before the

expected winter surge of patients to internal medicine departments). The union said its

members will soon act on the work dispute

angry and with a feeling of complete help-

commented that the ministry raised the

nurses' job slot question with Finance

Ministry Director-General David Brodet,

lessness," union head Ilana Cohen said.

Nurses finish a day's work frustrated.

Health Ministry spokesman Effic Lahav

declared on August 1.

when the children and another young brother, aged five, were home alone, while their parents

said it would find temporary

## Widespread condemnation greets Amir 'fan club'

THE report on teenage girls who have set up the "Yigal Amir fan club" in admiration of the assassin of Yitzhak Rabin, has sent shock waves through the political spectrum and raised a public

Three 17-year-old girls from the religious Gross school in Kiryat Gat, who were interviewed on tsrael TV's news magazine on Friday evening, said they represent a much larger phenomenon of "groupies" of Amir. They said they come to court to watch him, send him letters to prison and collect every hit of information from the press in a scrap book about

The girls expressed their attraction and admiration for the murderer and even justified the murder, calling Amir a "hero."

On the walls of the Gross school appear the slogans "Peres "Death to Arabs," and others, Israel Radio reported yes-

Leah Rabin, the late prime minister's widow, said the phenomenon exposed by the report is not at all marginal.

"It's a very dangerous phenom-enon, which, if investigated, will reveal many young people [who worship Amir]. There is a huge public which thinks the murder was a good thing, following the systematic rahid incitement against Yitzhak [Rahin]."

Rahin pointed out that "the violent, virulent incitement against Yitzhak went on for a whole year. There were all those awful incitement demonstrations and one, a whole year before the murder, in which they lit candles in his mem-

Rahin called on Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to make it clear to all those "who sit studying the Torah, that there is also democracy... If we don't preserve the foundations of democracy, we will soon find ourselves in a clerical state of which we will all be ashamed."

Hammer yesterday appointed a committee chaired by Ozer Schild, head of the Education Ministry's pedagogical secretariat, to investigate the alleged scan-

Hammer said the formation of such a club at the school, which belongs to the NRP-hacked state religious educational system, was "grave" but should not be considered part of a general phenomenon in the state religious system.

"I'm sure this is just a youthful craze," Hammer was quoted as saying in an interview with Israel Army radio. "These are silly teenagers and I'm sure that the same thing could have happened with regard to some other area of life. It has nothing to do with nationalist or religious factors, of that I'm sure. It would be a blood libel to say that this is integral to religious education... [Since the murder] we have done some soulsearching."

The principal of the school, Rachel Buhhut, said she hoped and was "quite convinced" that the Amir fan cluh was not a widespread phenomenon but limited in her school to the two pupils who belonged to it.

Buhbut said she had found our about their activities by chance, when she questioned one of the girls about her frequent absences from the school.

On one occasion, the girl skipped class to attend Amir's trial. Buhhut said that after ques-

Strikes over work conditions threaten health system and that it will soon be discussed by a comminee he heads. In addition, 10 months ago, the Health

Ministry decided to approve an increase of

dozens of nurses' positions due to the rise in

patient loads. This authorization is still in

A two-day strike by government lab workers was temporarily halted yesterday

as the labor court mediated a compromise.

The workers agreed not to strike before

August 24; in the meantime, the two sides

will hold meetings to resolve the dispute

over wages and working conditions.

#### MICHAL YUDELMAN and DAN IZENBERG

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tioning her about her support for Amir, "I understood it was just a passing phase. My position was made clear to her, it was made clear that we detest this whole thing and it shouldn't have happened and I understood that that ended the entire maner."

Buhbut added that the school had mourned Rabin's death. The teachers spoke to all the pupils and the school devoted two days to his memory.

However, Israel Radio reported that the walls of the school were filled with graffin including the slogan: "Peres, you're next."
Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu said in a statement yesterday: "The prime minister views this as a very serious phenomenon which has to be uprooted immediately.

At the moment it appears to be a pocket of insanity, and we'll clean out and educate these young girls and all of Israel's young people to understand how abhorrent and repulsive this phenomenon

is." Netanyahu said. Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid said "this worship for Amir is calling for the next murderer, who has already targeted the next victim. I always believed Amir was not the only villain in the name of the Torah. The public which idolizes Amir is a wild public of idol

worshipers." Meretz yesterday held a protest rigil outside the Gross school in Kiryat Gat.

The comments on Israel Television are upsetting, but they do not warrant the opening of a police investigation, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday.

"It hurts me. ... But this is not a maner for my office to deal with," be said. Kahalani said it was up to the authorities responsible for education and instilling religious and social values in the youth to

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau said yesterday that the first thing he is going to do at the start of the school year is visit the

Speaking on Israel Radio, Lau said that he viewed the behavior of the girls as utter madness. However, he added, far more serious was their comment, if there was any truth in it, that there were one or more teachers who were apparently indifferent to the murder or related to the assassination with forgiveness or even support.

"If so, the teachers should be jailed," Lau told the radio. Bill Hutman and Haim Shapiro contributed to the report

#### Labor demands probe

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR'S Knesset faction yesterday denounced the teenage adoration of Rabin assassin Yigal Amir and demanded an indepth investigation into the scope of the phenomenon, which it said is "not a political but a state issue."

Labor Chairman Shimon Peres said "Israeli society cannot rest for one moment until this is uprooted. It constitutes an awful danger which every civilized nation must fight against."

He said the worship for Amir is part of a process "poisoning the souls of young boys and girls... You can intoxicate an entire generation without drugs," Peres said.

He drew a link between the radical elements undermining democracy with those attacking the justice system and attempting to shake its independence. "It's [a process] undermining the deepest foundations and institutions of freedom of speech, the independence of the justice system and our very existence."

At a stormy meeting, mem-bers of Labor's faction expressed shock at the exposure of the fan clnb. They came out in sharp criticism of the religious state education system, which they said isolates its pupils from outside democratic influence, and called for an end to the separation between secular and religious education.

MK Ori Orr said "these are not wild weeds, these are murseries... not only in the religious state schools but also in some of the yeshivot." MK Moshe Shahal said:

"Rabin's murder was not born of one person called Yigal Amir. It's not a problem of the educanon system or even of kippa wearers. I'm talking of the extreme right wing. Fact: no one from the left every murdered anyone from the right. Fact: a prime minister in Israel was murdered. And the murder would not have been possible had it not been for the legitimization which preceded it and is continuing."

The MKs noted that Rabin's assassination and the incitement which preceded it were minimized in the party's election campaign, in order not to burt certain groups.

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ADVANCING Russian troops haitled Cheehen separatiats yesterday in Grozny, trying to retake the Chechen capital and end the hloody confrontation that has Chechnya, to find a way to reemharrassed President Boris Yeltsin's government.

A sixth day of fierce streetfighting raged with no sign of the rebela retreating in the face of moured vehicles near the city government buildings in the

In Moseow, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin såid federal forces in the region had to be strengthened and he gave the Justice Ministry three days to consider the question of introducing a state of emergency in Grozny.

"Radical measures have to be taken now to settle this probtem," Interfax news agency quoted Chernomyrdin as telling an emergeocy meeting of Russia's State Commission on Chechnya.

The military reported that as many as 200 Russian troops have heen killed since rebels overran Grozny last week and rebels showed off the dog tags of soldiers they've killed.

A Russian armored personnel carrier was blown up as it crossed Grozny's ceotral market yesterday, killing a dozen soldiers. Ammunition they were carrying exploded into their torsos, and some had their feet blown off, Their bodies caught fire.

Yeltsin's national security chief Alexander Lebed left Moscow suddenly yesterday for Dagestan, a southern Russian region next to

solve the crisis in the separatist republic, the ITAR-Tasa news

agency reported. Fierce battles were reported on the city outskirts yesterday, and relentless shelling. The bodies of the Interfax ocws agency said many Russian soldiers were some Russian soldiers had adsprawled heside wrecked ar- vanced within one km of besieged

> But rebels stilt appeared in control of the city center, with the Russians failing to gain the npper hand in heavy street battles.

The military's failure to oust the separatists has embarrassed Yeltsin, who promised during the election campaign this spring that he would end the deeply unpopu-

Yeltsin, who was sworn into office Friday for a second term, ordered a criminal probe into the events in Grozny and charged Chernomyrdin with determining who is responsible for the military debactc.

Yeltsin himself has blamed it, in part, on "grave miscalculations" by Russian officials and needed supplies. the pro-Moscow Checheo

Russian aircraft and artillery week. Buildings, including the seat of the Moscow-backed Checheo government, have burned and television footage. and at least two city hospitals have been hit by heavy shelling.

mount, with the federal com- some sections of the city.

mand reporting up to 200 service-men killed and 800 wonndcd since the separatist offensive began Tuesday.

The separatists said 29 Chechen fighters have been killed and about 50 wounded. The Russians claim hundreds of separatists have died.

Civilians, as throughout the Chechen war, have suffered in the fighting. No reliable casualty estimates were available.

Rebels reported destroying 200 Russiao armored vehicles aod eapturing 10, including four taoks, which they have used against the Russians.

Russian soldiers overran Grozny's main, 400-hcd hospital on Saturday. Separatists accused the troops of nsing wounded Chcchens as shields to hold off Chechen fighters, while Russian officials said the soldiers were trying to cvacuate civilians from the combat zone.

With hospitals running short of medicine, food and water, the International Committee of the Red Cross pleaded with the warring sides to guarantee the safety of trucks ready to bring in the

remained trapped in a govern-through the streets of Belfast yesment hotel in central Grozny, but terday in a noisy but non-violent chen capital throughout the two Russian journalists made it demonstration seen as a test of safely out of the city overnight, carrying out their colleagues' film

The casualty toll continued to March, when they also aeized rade route to keep the Romao Catholic marchers and Protes-



Belfast yesterday marking the 25th anniversary of the introduction of internment.

### Belfast march noisy but peaceful

A handful of journalists and an BELFAST (Reoter) - Thousands unspecified number of civilians of pro-Irish Nationalists marched the uoeasy calm in sectarian Northern Ireland.

Police in riot gear backed by The attack on Grozny was the armored four-wheel-drive vehirebels' largest offensive sioce cles were positioned along the patants aupporting British rule in the province apart.

The marehers whistled and screamed insults at Protestant demonstrators at ooe point. But the police cordoo held and the Catholic procession of several thousand people reached Bclfast's city hall without major incident.

The demonstrators dispersed

quietly after about two hours. Baods dressed in varying shades of green played Irish publican suspects".

marchea and flew the green, The arrests provoked targe-

in Londonderry after a Protestant backing them. march there, negotiated through

Ulster Unionist Party city conneitlor Jim Rodgers said he had won the agreement of several pro-British Loyalist groups to

The Nationalist march is held every year to mark the 25th anniversary of internment - a law allowing forces to hold "terrorist" suspects without trial.

British troops descended on Belfast's Catholic enclaves in the early hours of August 9, 1971, and seized more than 340 "Re-

white and orange Irish tricotor. scale riots, in which more than 20 Scenrity forces, community people died, and fired National-

It gave oew impetus to disorgathe night to make sure that con- nized Irish Republicao Army frontation was kept to a guerrillas in their campaign against British rule. The onsuccessful and hugely unpopular policy was abandoned in 1975.

> Speakers told the demonstrators it was time Nationalists were taken seriously, and demanded that Sinn Fein, the IRA's politiwing, be included in multical party talks about the future of the province.

> Sinn Fein is excluded until the IRA restores a ceasefire abaodoned in February.

"Nationalists and Republicans stand ready to take risks for peace. Nationalists and Republi-

lor, told the crowd.

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adteaders and politicians, worried ists' deep distrust of their Protes- ams said successful negotiations by minor overnight disturbances tant rulers and of Britain for over yesterday's march in Loodonderry - organizers managed to defuse a feared confrontation showed that all groups should be included in talks.

"It viodicates and validates what Sinn Fein have been saying all along - that the way to resolve political problems is through dialogue," he told Reuters before the march.

Police said they had defused a standoff in the tiny village of Bellaghy, where several huodred Catholic villagers were blocking about 80 Protestants trying to make an annoal procession to their church.

"People here are deeply offeoded by Loyalist (pro-British) parades," said Margaret McKencans stand ready to talk," Dodie na, a local Sinn Fein councillor.

### Italy soul searches over its Jews

ROME (AP) - The outcry over Democrat, wrote in Corriere delthe handling of a former SS cap- la Sera that he "sobstantially taio's war crimes trial here is shared' the harsh assessment in drawing attention to hundreds of the same Milan daily by one of languishing cases of Nazi violence Italy's foremost commentators, in Italy as well as appeals for the Ernesto Galli della Loggia. oatioo to finally examine its rela-

tionship with Jews. the Jews," Corriere della Sera really angry about was oot the yesterday headlined the debate Priebke verdict itself. on calls for Italians to do some hooest introspection about the crying out for "truth and justice" treatment of Jews under fascism.

The military tribunal's decisioo ba Aug. 1 that former Nazi Capt. tween Italian Judaism and the Erich Priebke should go free despite being convicted of helping tor in the massacre of 335 civilians in att 1944 touched off a night of ocarcourthouse and a flurry of consultations to find a way to keep the 83-year-old German in custody.

But justice authorities' solution to defuse the erisis - rearrest Pricbke so Germsny could seek his extradition - did not close the Eu painful chapter of how Jews fared fiel under Italian fascism and later Nazi occupation.

Yesterday, Sen. Fraocesco D'Onofrio, a former Christian initiatives," D'Onofrio urged.

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In a front-page piece three days earlier, Galli della Loggia "It's true, we have a debt with cooteoded that what Jews were and ash down its slopes and kill-

Rather, he asserted, Jews were about the "wound that in 1938 lacerated the relationship beconscience of the nation."

He was referring to the and-Jewish laws of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini to keep Jews seg-Pre rioting by Jewish youths at the regated and out of prominent

In reviewing the '30s and '40s, Italians often focus on the strong anti-fascist resistance posed by Communists and other leftists, but generally gloss over how easily the anti-Jewish laws took hold.

"It is hoped for that the debate opened by Galli della Loggia's article will he coriched by debates, analyses, suggestions and

#### 3 killed in Philippines volcâno eruption

BACOLOD, Philippioes (AP) -Rescuers yesterday broogbt down the last surviving climbers trapped on Mount Canlaon after it suddenly erupted, hurling rocks ing three people.

tioo Saturday were Julian Green ried Republican party was ready from Britain and two Filipioos, yesterday to cast off its fears and Noel Trajico and Neil Perez.

had been 21 climbers on the prised sceptics by picking a popumountain - hot 26 as earlier re- lar party figure for his running ported. Three were killed, 10 in- mate. jured, and the rest unharmed.

night on the upper slopes of the on the pier to welcome them.

to Bacolod yesterday, said Ser- mark the start of a four-day lovegeant Lito Lopcz.

the central Philippines, is 520 km idential cootest into a real horse

### greet Bob Dole, the stumbling Resevers last night said there presidential candidate who snr-

Dole and Jack Kemp headed Military helicopters placked for the Republican National Conthe three dead bodies and the 13 vention by boat with tens of thousurvivors who speot the cold sands of party faithful lining up

2,435-meter volcano because It will be a hero's entry for a they were too weak to climb caodidate lagging behind President Bill Clinton by 20 percent-They were airlifted from the age points or more in most opinrim of the volcano's crater down ion polls. The event will also fest that analysts see as Dole's Canlaon, on Negros island in best chance to turn the 1996 pres-

As the convention prepared to opeo, a ocw Washington Post poll showed Dolc had cut Clinton's lead to 10 points, the narrowest margin in months.

### Worried Republicans set to greet Dole and Kemp Killed In the 24-minute erup- SAN DIEGO (Reuter) - A wor- In a warmup for what Republi- will eventually take care of them- In Republican ranks the discor-

cans hope will be an optimistic, positive convention, the throng tained with a huge fireworks disnight, ending with patriotic primaries, said.

The Republicans hope a successful convection will coovince Americans, many of whom are of Kemp, a conservative Republi- him to his hometown of Russell, turned off by the party and its often lackluster candidate, to take a second look at the former World War II hero who has tried for 16 years to become president.

'Forget the poils. The polls

selves. What is important is that dant notes came mainly from diewe oow have the right message hard Pat Buchaoan, the rightof journalists who have con- and the right messengers," an ad- wing ideologue who refuses to verged on San Diego were enter- miring Steve Forbes, one of the endorse Dole. Denied the promicandidates defeated by Dole in nent speaking slot he sought at play over the harbor on Saturday the grueling Republicao Party the convention, he was set yester-

> can in the Ronald Reagan mode. for a 15 percent tax cut spread comments.

programme to win," he said.

day to hold his own alternative The milliooaire publisher was Republican rally in San Diego.

one of maoy Republicaos who Dole called Kemp an "Amerifelt energerized by Dole's choice can original" as he introduced Kansas, oo Saturday, aod a But Forbes, a close friend of proud Kemp promised to do ev-Kemp's, was also enthuslastic crything he could to help Dole about Dole's shift to a pro- win. A jubliant Dole stammed a growth economic policy that calls fist in the air as Kemp finished his

over three years. "We now have a The party goes into its 36th national cooveotioo wortied oot Also taking heart was promi- only about winning the White neni party conservative Bill Kris- House from a Democrat who has tol, who said the choice of Kempt cleverly co-opted many of its is-"takes the Dole campaign off the sues hut about retaining its majority in both houses of Congress.

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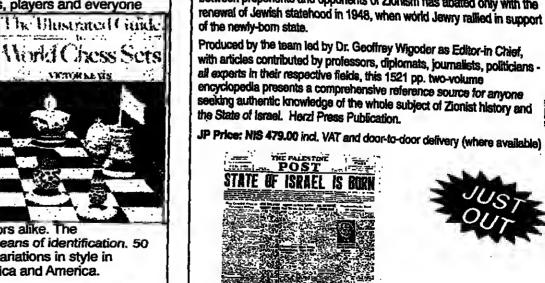
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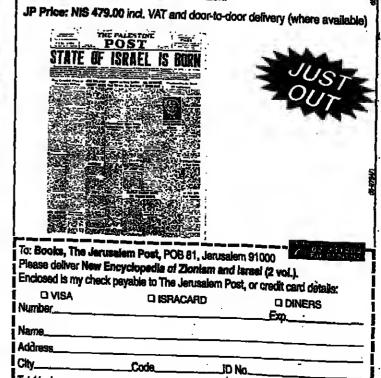
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The Man with the Plan ...Christopher Walken

Dead is one chronically cool gangster picture. Written by Scott

Rosenberg and directed by Gary

Fleder, this clever exercise in hip

morbidity stars Andy Garcia as a

former seminary student and dap-

per ex-mobster named Jimmy the

Saint. His previous incarnation is

explained to us in hard-boiled

shorthand by the narrator, Joe Heff

(Jack Warden), a moustachioed

old-timer who wears a seedy

checked jacket and holds forth

rhapsodically from the booth of a

Although Jimmy makes it clear

at the start of the movie that he has

put "the life" behind him (he now

runs a new-age service that allows

dying people to videotape words

of wisdom to be played posthu-

mously for relatives), he has little

choice when he's summoned back

into the employ of his former

boss, a wheelcbair-bound goon

played by Christopher Walken.

The Man with the Plan, as he's

elliptically called, demands that

Jimmy carry out one tiny final

funky malt shop.

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title indicates, Things to Do in Denver When You're

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DAVID BRINN

many Knesset members. Two

months ago, the Sonic Youth gui-

tarist played solo at the Next Festival and stuck around for 10

days of touring. Now he's bringing

his band for two shows, on August

21 at City Hall in Haifa and the next

went really well and the country

itself was just magnificent," gushes Renaldo, from his New York City

home, as he and the band gear up for a short summer tour which will

also hring them to the Reading Festival in England and other

Sonic Youth is a mass of contra-

dictions. It has built a career around

creating discord in a commercially

acceptable manner, using non-

Western guitar tunings and elec-

The band headlined the Lolla-

palooza festival last year and was

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Lee Renaldo will have spent more time in Israel than



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come to this concert," explained

Oren. "Those who've never heard opera before, the opera beginners, and the real opera buffs who have

these pianos here in Israel."

This morning at 9, 43 pianists

aged 16-33 from 10 countries will

gather at the Tel Hai Rodman

Regional College, just a hop, skip

and a jump from the Lehanese

all the albums and all the videos." Every opera gala usually has a few of the favorites, but this concert, on August 28, has 16 of them, from "Nessun dorma" (No One Sleeps), the aria from Turandat that Pavarotti sent around the world, through Figaro's toogue-twisting cavatina from The Barber of Seville to "Caro nome" (Dear Name) from Rigoletto and the quartet from the same opera that usually sends audiences into such a delirium of appreciatioo that it's inevitably

I want two kinds of people to

THINGS TO DO IN DENVER "action" before he retires for WHEN YOU'RE DEAD good.

What's a knowing stock character to do? Jimmy reluctantly gathers together his motley gang of cronies and begios to prepare for the crime. One look at this sadsack crew, though, tells us that Jimmy must have a rather severe death wish. Their hepcat names are the smoothest things about these losers, and the scheme seems designed to be botched: Pieces (Christopher Lloyd) works as a porno-film projectionist and suffers from a mysterious and gruesome leprosy-like disease; Franchise (William Forsythe), covered in tattoos, runs a trailer park; crazy Critical Bill (Treat Williams) preps cadavers for a funeral parlor, and hig, baby-faced Easy Wind (Bill Nunn), an exterminator, kills hugs for a living.

"The action," of course, goes disastrously wrong right away. and The Man with the Plan vows that the suckers involved will suffer for their mistake. In coded language, typical of Rosenberg's sly script, he duhs them all "huckwheats" which seems to be vegetarian street talk for "dead meat." Jimmy, ever the saint, sets out to try and save them.

ENTERTAINING, sexy, and stylish to a fault, Things to Do is a peculiarly jaded affair, in love with its own macabre chic. Not only is everyone dead or dying in the film, they all know they're goners and seem almost to relish their moribundity. Perhaps they've seen the films from which this one borrows so liberally and so selfconsciously (the script comes



Jimmy the Saint (Andy Garcia) finds plenty to do in Denver after he's summoned by the Man with the Plan.

fully equipped with the usual homages to The Third Man and The Asphalt Jungle, among others). Maybe they're just unwitting victims of the first-time filmmakers' decadent belief that it's cool to be terminal these days,

Either way, the insistent wittiness of Rosenberg's dialogue (all the characters quip in the same savory tones), the sleek, dark look of the photography and carefully cultivated seediness of the settings combine to amuse us hut keep us at arm's length. The film's allround nihilism seems, at best, a little sophomoric. At worst, it's yet

another hit of knee-jerk Generation-X cynicism. Witness, for example, the inevitable casting of Steve Buscemi as a nerdy grim reaper named Mr. Shhh. Walken, too, although more resourceful an actor, seems to be on automatic pilot here as the sadistic, quadri-

plegic godfather. Lucky for the filmmakers, Andy Garcia gives a sad, smart, dry and constantly engaging performance as Jimmy, the only character in the film who can see both what's straight ahead (death), and what still might be (life), if he could only shake the fates. (In an early scene, friends from the mess he has got-

he begins a doomed but juicy affair with a radiant young ski instructor played by Gabrielle Anwar.)

As Jimmy sets about making level-headed arrangements for the judgment day, he exudes a melancholy sort of calm. In light of his rather desperate situation, his anlomh becomes the most deeply and painfully funny aspect of the entire movie,

A sympathetic slimeball if there ever was one, Jimmy works according to a belated but strangely heartfelt code of honor, and tries his hardest to rescue his

ten them into. As he demonstrated in previous films (the otherwiseregrettable When a Man Loves a Woman, for example), Garcia has a knack for sympathetic reaction, for listening hard and with feeling to others more needy or hroken

When he nods his head and tums those rueful chocolate eyes on the panicked person who's speaking, the shallow ennui of the film falls away and we believe for an instant that something weighty is taking place. Moody, wry and stubbomly romantic, Garcia's Jimmy is no slave to fashion.

native rock scene throughout the '80s. "I never think about our influence on other bands," says drummer Steve Shelley. "But I suppose it's a good thing." "You can't help but feel good about it," adds Renaldo, who shares than he is. guitar duties with Thurston Moore.

Bassist/vocalist Kim Gordon rounds out the group. Renaldo's appearance at the Next Fesoval was less a Sonic Youth solo performance than a multimedia extravaganza that featured video, tape loops and live music. "The crowd was very receptive to the shows. I think they were too stunned to call out for Sonic Youth songs," he jokes, Renaldo says he liked the Israeli music he

heard, especially the performance at the festival by Rami Fortis. Renaldo and Shelly expressed different views of spending the summer doing a short leisurely tour of Europe or headlining the media-heavy Lollapalooza. "I'm much happier this summer," says Renaldo. "We're on vacation! All together, we're only doing six or seven shows."

"We had a good time last year. They were good shows, despite the based in Amsterdam with 11 players which circus-like atmsosphere surrounding them," says Shelly.

After the summer tour, the band is returning to the studio to record its 11th album amid a positive outlook. "We haven't let ourselves be pegged into a corner. There are so many things we can do, and we haven't done them all yet, " says Shelly, "We have our own studio now, so we don't have the pressures of paying \$1,000 an hour for studio time. With the last album [Washing Machinel we tried to get that rehearsal feel rather than a polished sound where all the energy is sucked out. I think we'll be doing

that again," says Renaldo. But first comes a return trip to Israel, and Renaldo already has his favorite spot at the Dead Sea all picked out and waiting. "We only have a couple days here this time," says Renaldo, " hut I'm going to make the band go to the Dead Sea,

and Jerusalem too.

## Talent-spotting for a new Shakespeare in Acre

TZIK Weingarten is a busy man, He's the Acre Alternative Theater Festival's new artistic director, and if there were 25 hours in the day, he'd be working them; monitoring the productions as they develop, and offering bands-on advice.

It's not that some of Acre's plays can't be done on a conventional stage," he said at the pre-festival press conference last week, "they can, but some of these groups that have developed only have a stage in Acre because no one else want to look at them. This is what characterizes Acre for

He and his three equally hardworking colleagues on the artistic committee: Hava Ortman, Yigal Ezrati and Yuval Meskin, have put this festival together at very short notice. Weingarten was appointed in June following months of floundering by the Festival board after Dudu Ma'ayan's resignation last October in the wake of the disastrously banal and unprofessional festival last year which excited criticism from audiences and the festival board alike.

Ma'ayan founded and heads the much respected Acre Theater Center (which is participating this year, as in previous years), but his arrogance before last year's festival, when he said that his appointment signified that "the festival has ceased to be a platform for the repertory theater," did much to exacerbate post-festival frustra-

Weingarten has avoided classification. A quiet perfectionist with a long string of performance and directorial credits, including the long-running Oleanna at the Cameri theater and his own monodrama, Mohammed Mendel. He makes no extravagant claims for this year's festival except to say that he's keeping a tight tab on pro-ductions "so that they'll be as good as they can be."

This year's festival in the Old City of Acre offers 28 venues, 17 premieres, 13 free street theater shows, eleven guest productions, five master classes and three spe-

The groups, which are competing for

NIS 50,000 of prize money, include the iconoclastic Honi Hama'agel with Between the Sacred and Profane. This interdisciplinary piece will take the audi-ence through the various chambers of the Turkish baths of Hamam. Sinai Peter's Tiberias Theater presents a detective story of the soul called Sultana Ammora by Elisheva Greenbaum and the Acre Theater Center, as well as giving a special perfor-mance of its seminal Arbeit Macht Frei, (winner Acre '91), and Arab Dream, developed by Roy Rashkes from the truelife story of Haled Abu-Ali, an Acre local and one of the actors.

Another peripatetic show, this time at the Khan el-Umdan, is The Scapegoat from the environmentally conscious Arma Theater of Ein Hod which examines the scapegoat myth in different cultures. As well as participating, the Arma Theater is also organizing the 13 street-theater events performed by local and visiting companies from France,

Belgium, Holland and elsewhere.

The competition element has been reinstituted after a one year hiatus. The competition plays are the premieres, five of which are debut plays by young playwrights, another Acre tradition which has been restored this year because, according to Weingarten, "one of Acre's jobs is to watch out for oew talent and bring it along."

Those competing include: And Now for the Candles - two one-act plays by Ravid Davara on alienation, White Pearl Necklace by Efrat Yerushalmi which stirs up the murk of childhood sexual abuse, and End of the Road - an Israeli adaptation by Roy Naveh, based on Peter Handke's Insulting the Audience which confronts the audience with controlled anarchy set in real time.

Other competition plays include Ron Weidberg's opera Metamorphosis, based on the Kafka novella, French immigrant director Isabel Shtarker's production of Mr Shpiel and Lord Littl'un in which a circus is the metaphor for a confrontation between art and reality, and a new play

travels the world, performing a musical satire from the deck and on the pier. This year the performances will be in and around the Crusader fortress, and there will be four new venues.

written and directed by Aharon Herzberg

Guest plays include This Great

Shakespeare – an evening of Shakespearian monologues performed by Sharon Prison inmates which reflects their own stories, and Azart Ship of Fools – an actual ship

called Warm Ice Fields.

This year's budget is NIS 3.3 million, of which approximately a third comes from the Ministry of Education and Culture. There are four corporate sponsors including ICC Visa, which is offering points on ticket purchases to card-holders.

There are 27,000 tickets on sale from NIS 48-66 with discounts and packages available. The authorities have promised that the park 'n' ride facilities have been improved. The Acre Festival runs from September 28 through October 1.

The Tel Aviv gala concert is on

until August 27.

August 25.

### Pianists at Tel Hai: A hands-on commitment

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

HY would piano-manu-facturing company Kawai send 25 upright border, and embark on an exciting summer program cherished by pianists all over the world. The program combines the screne pianos and seven grand pianos armosphere of Galilee with an direct from its plant in Japan to opportunity for the artists to hone pants." Galilee? their craft with some of the best The answer: To enable every

teachers in the world. participant in the Tel Hai piano Bondarenko, who as usual is master classes to practise as much very excited about the program, as possible, thereby solving what avoids calling the pianists who used to be an ongoing problem take part in the event students. the lack of rehearsal facilities. We found out that once people Kawai is sponsoring the event, but hear the word 'students' they think the pianos are not merely a gift. we have a school. So we call them According to the program's generparticipants. After all there is al director Marina Bondarenko, much more to this program than "After our program they will sell

And these participants have the opportunity to study with some of the finest teachers in the world. "I'm very proud that for the first time Russian pianist and teacher

Dmitri Bashkirov comes to Tel Hai, it is a great honor for us and a great opportunity for the partici-

Other teachers from abroad are Sontraud Speidel from Germany and Yoheved Kaplinsky from the

The latter will also give a demonstration lecture on the topic of how to play without damage to the hands. Israeli teachers taking part in the program are Victor Derevianko, Pnina Salzman and artistic director Emanuel Krasovsky. Arie Vardi does not teach but gives a concert lecture about Chopin's mazurkas.

Each day in Tel Hai opens with individual lessons in the morning followed by a public master class

in the afternoon. Evening activi-ties vary from concerts of faculty and/or participants, lectures and other special events. One of these special events is the appearance of 26-year-old Michael Abramovich, a veteran participant who now returns as a guest performer play-ing Bach's "Goldberg Variations."

One of the most exciting events in Tel Hai is the annual competition which is open to every participant. This year's competitioo includes a homage to Shostakovich. Winners enjoy not only monetary prizes but also an opportunity to perform in a public concert in Tel Aviv. "We have just began an important collaboration with the Suzanne Dellal Center. At the end of the program we will

have our gala concert there and cially open tomorrow and continue then in the fall they promise to invite the winners again for special concerts." Last year's winners, Yenon Bar Natan and Dmitri Steinberg, will perform in a special concert in Kfar Blum Saturday night. Bondarenko adamantly believes

that their program should not be a closed event for Tel Hai. Therefore, she invites all music lovers, piano huffs in particular, to come and enjoy the programs for a mere NIS 10 daily entrance

She also encourages an ongoing relationship with the surroundings so that even before the special Kfar Blum concert, the participants will present four different concerts in local kihhutzim this Friday. The Tel Hai piano master classes offi-

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## Opera's stars to shine in the park

ND there'll be fireworks, too. The display will follow the higgest, most prestigious concert in Tel Aviv's The singers are sopranos Hayarkon Park for many years. Deborah Voigt and Giusy Divinu, Israeli conducting comet Daniel mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves, Oren will lead the Israel tenor Sergei Larin, baritooe Leo Pbilharmonic and six of opera's Nucci and bass Ferrucio brightest stars in a veritable Furlanetto. galaxy of opera gems.

Except for Divinu, who's currently singing Violetta, the heroine of La Traviata under the baton of Riccardo Muti, the others have all sung bere with either Oren and/or Zubin Mehta.

Voigt and Graves, who's currently singing the title role in Carmen under Oreo at the Areoa di Verona, will return after having just sung Mahler's huge Eighth Symphony with Mehta and the

Nucci and Furlanetto sang under Oreo wheo be cooducted the hugely successful Nabucco at the new Israeli Opera in January 1995. At the time critics unanimously lauded the music and panned Gianfranco di Bosio's dead-on-its-feet staging. When Oren returns to the NIO

in October 1997 to mount Puccini's La Boheme, he will bring Franco (Romeo and Juliet) Zeffirelli to direct it, with the costumes and the set coming from La Scala di Milano. It's the first of three operas he'll

conduct for the NIO through 2000. The others are Lucia di Lammermoor and Tosca, These are the NIO's consolation prize for not getting Oren as its musical director. After Nabucco, the Tel Aviv municipality and the NIO management practically went down oo its knees to entice the Rome based Oren to Tel Aviv, but he refused to come.

As of now the NIO does not have a replacement for Gary Bertini when his cotract runs out next year, and Oren isn't talking. "It's a good opera house," he says with diplomatic aplomh,

to this one too. "with a promising future. I am happy to be involved and, if a way can be found, I would like to become more involved."

#### HELEN KAYE going all through the war," says

Jewish choirs from around

the world salute Jerusalem

HE Jerusalem 3000 Zimriya choir festival opened last night with a concert at the Jerusalem Theater in honor of former mayor Teddy Kollek. It will close on Thursday with a

Salute to Jerusalem Concert at the Sultan's Pool, and the world premiere performance of Nurit Hirsch's specially commissioned "Peace to Jerusalem" sung by the massed choirs assembled from 13 Jewish communities in 11 countries.

"Teddy was really responsible for this special Zimriya," says Esther Herlitz, who has organized both the Zimriya and the International Harp contest since 1983. An invitation to Jewish participants from Kollek to come back at the 1992 Zimriya led Herlitz to invite only Jewish choirs

Choirs have come from the US, the UK, Canada, South America and Europe, including two from Croatia and Yugoslavia "which kept Herlitz admiringly. Five of the 13 choirs have come

from South America "where we find more Yiddishkeir than in the North. This is a way of encouraging Jewish choral singing and strengthens the singers' ties to Israel." The choirs are all based in com-

munity centers except for the Zemel Choir, a London-based group which has sung at St. Paul's Cathedral. They're quartered at the Hebrew University campus where they spend the mornings studying Israeli songs, with four different conductors from a specially prepared songbook. In the afternoons they're joined by Israeli choirs, "so that they're not in a ghetto."

The best part of the day is when the formal instruction is over and the participants "gather at the cafeteria for pizza and wine and start singing together all over again until the early hours of the morning." F. DAVID RADLER Chuirman, Board of Directors YEHUDA LEVY, President & Publisher

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### A long road ahead

N recruiting Jack F. Kemp as his running mate, presidential hopeful Senator Bob Dole undoubtedly hopes a "Republican JFK" can inject some life into a campaign which may have provided fodder for stand-up comics for several months, but which has failed to light any fires under the public or the media. A snap survey of Americans after Dole made his announcement showed that up to 60 percent of them knew nothing about Jack Kemp, so with Dole consistently and hadly trailing President Bill Clinton in the polls, the Republican Party has a long way to go in a very short time.

The main hope resting on Kemp is that his presence on the ticket will patch over potentially dangerous divisions in the Republican Party - at least for long enough to wrest the White House from Clinton. Kemp is an advocate of what he calls "compassionate conservatism" and in a past interview be warned the Republicans they were getting dangerously close to telling Americans that all the country needs is "little government and big prisons."

If this all sounds too radically liberal to the Christian right-wing that bas become a powerful force in American conservatism, Kemp has a solid pro-life record to present as credentials in that camp - he and bis wife are also devout Christians. Yet abortion is not an issue on which Kemp has taken a strident stand, meaning Republican women voters can distinguish him from the ideologues of the party's Christian Right. One faction refusing to party over the Dole-Kemp union is that led by Pat Buchanan, still sulking after losing the party primaries to Dole. He has already questioned Kemp's credentials as a conservative and his sniping from the sidelines could become a major irritant to the Republicans.

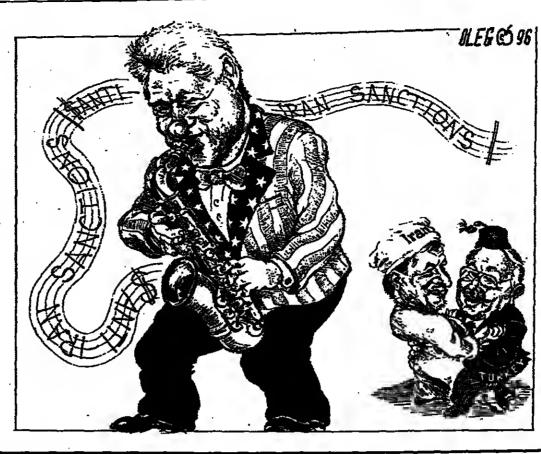
Yet the party also hopes Kemp can penetrate what is almost alien territory to the Republican Right - the black, Hispanic, Jewish and Irish communities, as well as the disadvantaged working class. He is definitely unusual as a conservative Republican for being a long-time campaigner for serious investment and job-creation policies in the inner cities. One of the best urban renewal ideas has been a Kemp plan - . giving eotrepreneurs big tax concessions to set enterprise zones in poorer urban areas. And while it may have little influence on women voters, Kemp's fame as a star quarterback during 13 years of professional football is not to be underestimate in a country where the sport comes close to being a religion. His move into politics was launched from the Buffalo area of New York when he was elected to Congress in 1970 - having led the Buffalo Bills to the championship of the old American Football League.

No doubt the Republicans will have a free ride at their convention this week to wallow in the usual euphoria, extravagant expectations and hype. The severe test will come in the aftermath if the Dole campaign nosedives from whatever poll boost the media attention brings. In the following months the Democrats and the White House will be bringing out their big campaign guns and there will remain plenty of cracks in the Republican facade for target practice. The Democrats contented themselves yesterday with an initial salvo criticizing Kemp as an extremist who wants to make abortion illegal, dismantle gun control laws and return the US dollar to the gold standard.

Democrats already are chuckling with glee over their collection of Kemp quotes and sound bites being readied for the advertising campaign. Kemp is now teamed up with a presidential candidate he bas described as devoid of any vision, bopeless, divisive and who "never met a tax he didn't hike." Kemp once told a gathering of Young Republicans that "a fire burned down Dole's library and both books were lost." And Dole, he added, hadn't even finished coloring one of them. In the 1988 campaign, Kemp said of Dole "when he talks about the future, it's time to grab your wallets" and only two months ago he said that with the 73-year-old Dole at the belm, the party was in danger of being seen as "a bunch of grumpy old men."

Such fine fodder for the opposition campaign might be more amusing than dangerous if there were not so many other things wrong with Dole campaign. More serious is the long feud over economics between Dole and Kemp. Dole is a deficit shark absolutely fixed on balancing the federal budget. Kemp is a a guru of supply-side, advocating that massive tax cuts and economic growth are essential before any book-balancing. But there is no doubt that, in general, what Kemp brings to the Dole campaign is the chance to cast its net wider for elusive middle-ground

voters. He is a talented and witty speaker compared to the soporific mumbling of Dole and if there are two things the Republican ticket badly needs, they are wider appeal and vigor. The question Democrats undoubtedly will pose is that if Kemp is as talented as Republicans bave suddenly discovered, why isn't he a froot runner bimself? Nor will they let it be forgotten that Gorge Busb passed over both Kemp and Dole as running mates in 1988. It remains hard to see the rickety Republican movement getting its act together as Clinton looks more solidly confident day by day while he quietly steals the Republicans' best ideas one by one. The Republican race may be just beginning in San Diego, but it's a loog long way to the finish line.



## Fanning the flames

NE of the most shocking features shown recently on Israel Television was an interview on last Friday's news magazine with three young womeo from Kiryat Gat. The three, all high school students, spoke of their admiration for Yigal Amir, Yitzhak Rahin's assassin. They told the interviewer that they attended some of the sessions of Amir's trial. that be had smiled at them ("he has such a sweet smile"), and that they send him fan mail to his prison cell via his relatives.

They are not the first women to fall for a convicted assassin Weak, twisted minds can apparently find something sexy about murderers. But what makes this particular case especially shocking is the fact that the three damsels actually sympathize with what Amir did. They openly stated that Rabin had brought his fate upon himself, and they justified his baving heen murdered. To them, Yigal Amir is both a hero and sex symbol.

But the worst thing is that the three young women study at a high school belonging to the national religious stream of education. I am sure that among the Jews who sympathize with Amir's deed there are some secular ones. However, all those who have so far come out openly and without shame in favor of

the assassination, are religious. Some of these individuals justify their positions by quoting the Jewish law, such as din'rodef (the law regarding persecutors)

S a lifelong Jewish epikoros (heretic) one of

instructions how to fill that task

in his stead. The aged and ailing rabhi prepared his list of

instructions. The first prinrity

was "Make absolutely sure that

the women who work at prepar-

His list then continued with

detailed ritual instructions

meant to guarantee the kashrut

of the maiza, hut Rahhi Salanter's order of prinrities

was quite clear. It was similar

to that of the Second Temple

period Hillel the Elder who laid

out the hasic principles of

Judaism as, "Love thy fellow

man as thyself: aod as for all

I was reminded of all of this

by a recent report that newly

installed National Religious Party Education Minister

Zevulun Hammer has decided

to establish a Directorate for

Moral Education. According to

the reports the new unit is to

include the following existing

departments: Intensification of

Jewish Education. Education

for Democracy and Coexistence. Family Studies,

and Road Safety, hut apparently

not the unit for Sex Education.

I am all in favor of using the

formative period of the Icens 10

discuss what living a moral life

hy teachers whom they accept

as moral paragons. Somehow,

however, I have my doubts that

that is what Hammer intends.

I'm sure his order of priorities

the rest, go study."

ing the dough are well paid .

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

curses, such as the pulso de nura them. Some don't even do that. They just imply that their rahhis/teachers are behind them or tacitly agree with them.

RIGHT AFTER Rahin's assassination the national religious camp expressed its shock and total condemnation of the deed. There was a lot of talk about heshbon nefesh (soul searching). But what has actually heen done? The state authorities have

Nobody seems to be reminding children that one of the 10 commandments is: You shall not kill

done their best in terms of detaining, questioning and even putting a few individuals including some rabbis - on trial. But that is all ineffectual nonsense. The children of Ze'ev Binyamin Kahane in Tapuah, the children of Baruch Marzel in Tel Rumeida, and many hundreds of boys and girls who attend religious schools of one son or another throughout the country. aren't being told by figures of anthority in the religious establishment that a murder is a murand din moser (the law regarding der is a murder. Nobody seems informers), or invoking Jewish to be reminding them that one of tist.

the 10 commandments is: You shall not kill. You shall not kill your neighbor, you shall not kill a Jew, you shall not kill an Arah and you shall not kill your prime minister.

new/old Education Our Minister Zevulun Hammer speaks of hringing more Judaism into the secular schools - which is an excellent idea as long as it has educational rather than missionary intentions. Secular Israeli children ought to know that there is much more to Judaism than haredim throwing stones and dirty diapers on Barllan Street in Jerusalem, opposition to archeology, agunot (deserted wives who may not remarry), din rodef and din moser. However, we haven't heard Hammer speaking about finding ways of spreading universal, humanitarian principles in the religious schools.

Furthermore, we know that most of the schools in the national religious stream of education resisted introducing programs on democracy prepared to the Education Ministry when Shulamit Aloni and Amnon

Ruhinstein were in charge.

As to the damsels from Kiryat Gat, superficially disguised under wide-rimmed hats and with heavy lipstick which made them look anything but meek virgins, the Education Ministry must act swiftly and effectively, in Kiryat Gat and elsewhere. The phenomenon they represent is sickening, and a stain not only on the religious community but on Israeli society as a whole. The writer is o political scien-

# Spot the pain

poor Lose

LISA FRYDMAN

ear Aviv Gefen, I confess missed your wedding. But while you were escorting your bride down the aisle, I hung out with a couple hundred of your fans at the socalled hippest film in town Trainspotting.

It didn't matter that it was: clearly a Generation X flick, as a pop culture junkie, I ran to get my fix. The low-hudget movie was one of the most talked about at Cannes thia year, and has reached near cult proportion in

the US and Europe.
Adapted from Irvine Welsh's highly controversial novel Trainspotting features a band of depraved young Scottish beroin addicts with chopped hair and overindulged veins. The leading man, a cross between REM's Michael Stipes and a punk Gumhy, journeys from hallucination to falling from bigher than high. Without giving too much away, happily, he ends up "choosing life" with his feet firmly planted into reality.

During the movie break (as usual in the middle of a key line), I stood in the long women's hathroom line and eavesdropped on chit-chat. "Kol kach gizi (very cool)," was the concensus of the not quite 20-

something crowd. The movie, which did an excellent joh of proving "reality bites," glamorized shooting up with dirty needles, vomiting and experiencing psychedelic delusions to the point of "hilarity" (i.e. drowning in oce's own excrement as part of the ultimate heroin rush).

Needless to say, there was a moral tucked inside: Heroin is oot a good thing. Yet the subliminal message was even stronger: Attaining the supreme high might just be worth the sacrifice, or at least the experience.

The reaction of the youth exiting the theater haunted me all week. Images of excitement, shared smiles, piqued interest. The why-not-let's-try-it buzz swarmed all around me, before the realization stung: a trend from Out There is eyeing our young generation once again.

IF THE New York club scene is any kind of barometer, then the heroin craze - shot up and snort-

#### It's a matter of time and maths before the heroin craze hits here

ed hy the Beautiful People – will soon rear its ugly head here. It's a matter of time and mathematics. All one has to do is add up the escalated number of heroin husts here this past year, multiply that statistic by the outrageous number of acid party fiestas, add in the number of Ecstasy factories, and then factor in Goa.

l consider myself liberal and open-minded. I watch Friends, Seinfeld. I hang out at the right cafes, and shop at Greenberg's, hut when it comes to drugs. count me out. Perhaps, I'm crying wolf when there's nothing to worry ahout and my trendspotting is merely faulty overreaction. Maybe, I too am fueling the widespread criticism that it is not the drug but the media promotion that's causing all the rage. Indeed, a quick peek inside the local bookstore showcased Trainspotting hyped in no less than five popular magazines this month, and its funky soundtrack is rising on the Israeli music charts.

We cannot prevent our teens and wannabe adults from experimenting or succumbing to peer pressure. Many say the answer starts at home. Yet sometimes, home base just isn't enough.
Well then, let's go to the next
best thing: societal deterrence. Whether it's musicians, athletes, artists, politicians or rabhis whom our kids admire, now is the time to ask our "teen idols" to help us cork our hurgeoning drug culture, before it overflows.

(Aviv. this is where you come in.) Unfortunately, as a nation, we are prone to waiting until after the fact before we raise hell. Road carnage being a prime example. As we continue to process peace, witness horders opening up and an onslaught of drugs pouring in, why mark time passively? We should all be on the lookout for any indication that Trainspotting is leaving track marks on our impressionables, who are constantly seek-

ing The Next Big Thing. Let's ante up drug awareness now and splash some real-time public service spots showcasing our homegrown addicts sans the Hollywood hooplah. Let's combat this unhealthy infusion of Americana and Euro street chic before it crosses the front line to

greet us first. The writer is a freelancer.

#### ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ne, BLATANT PREJUDICE pla Sir, - Hillel Halkin appears to be this inducting a vendetta against the Eui ational Religious community. In fiel is article of July 26 (subsequent to itagonistic remarks in earlier colnns), he claims that its adherents

e a danger to society and have the stential to commit political murer, backing up this assertion with the reminder that Yigal Amir and aruch Goldstein belonged to this ommunity. Every fair-minded person knows

CO ary well that the National Religious Eactovement stresses the importance fari I positive values such as a love of quicountry and roots and a pride in gan lese, and emphatically repudiates honic use of violence. It is a total

Drelevance that Amir and Goldstein con ere connected to the National Relihiglious community (as are some half a spo illion Israeli citizens), and for Mr. Cocalkin to launch a vicious attack and pon the entire community, which is the irtually charged with heing a taryreeding ground for murderers, Arints to an attitude of blatant prejujoin ice on the part of the writer. URI BINYAMIN

Bunamat Gan.

**₩INSOLICITED ADVICE** Sir, - I am shocked and dismayed sens read in The Jerusalem Post of lovely 29 that a number of leading Magnglo-Jewish personages have nonade political statements to a nonwho wisb newspaper advocating the they visioo of Jerusalem and ceding the

back blan Heights. Balt is disgraceful for the Board of level it is disgraceful for the Board of level puties of British Jews, the lay mine adership of Anglo-Jewry, to example and ess blalantly biased opioions and hich run cootrary to Israeli governplayent policy. I served two three-year playerms and later part of another one own; the board when it was their policules, oever to attack or criticize any

As racely to attack of criticize any more acting government.

The Lilve himself in Israeli politics, they excit gould make aliva as I did. In the "Blould make aliya, as I did, In the Beantime they would do bener to more frain from giving us unsolicited who lvice from the safety of their plush and on homes visit ondon homes. BILL OAKFIELD but l cianya.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING** Sir, - In order to change the un-disciplined and inadequately trained Israel driver, we can learn from the Defensive Driver Training Program now made compulsory in New York State for drivers caught speeding or involved in accidents. This is en-hanced by the voluntary program urged by the insurance companies which offer an incentive of 10 percent discount on yearly insurance premiums for all insured drivers

TV NEWS IN ENGLISH

Sir, - 1 strongly protest at the disgraceful way in which the IBA

treats the oews in English. For the

slightest reason, the news is can-

celed or rescheduled, without print

warning, usually because of interna-

tional sport, be it soccer, tennis or

the Olympics. I am an avid follower

and supporter of all sports, but take

exception to the omission of the

news in English at the slightest

whim of a faceless executive in

Two suggestions could alleviate

1. If the news is canceled or re-

scheduled without prior warning, a

notice should be flashed continuous-

ly in English stating either canceled

2. If because of soccer, a teo-

minute abridged version should be

much disappointment:

or the rescheduled time.

shown during half time.

who attend the program. This program consists of five hours of training films, lectures, per-sonal testimonies and question-andanswer periods. Even experienced drivers have a lot to learn on the techniques of defensive driving. Nor is this a one-shot deal; the program has to be repeated every three years to satisfy the requirements of the insurance companies and the New York state licensing bureau. They know from experience that remedial education is a continuing process which must be reinforced every three years with new research

All courses are paid for hy the participating drivers (about \$357). This self-supporting program benefits all and saves lives.

DR. JOSEPH KATZ

Hadera (New York). TEN YEARS IS ENOUGH

Sir, - I am deeply pained by the actions of President Bill Clinton in refusing Jooathan Pollard's plea to be released from prisoo. By stating that serving 10 years in prisoo oo a life sentence is oot sufficient grounds for viewing Jonathan Pol-lard's hope for freedom favorably, President Clinton has indicated complete heardessness at the plight of a human being. It indicates also stubbornness of will and mind which bodes no good even in different situations.

I plead with the president to reevaluate the case of Jonathan

There has been grave laxity up to now on this issue on the part of the American Jewish organizations and others. It is not too late to begin a massive campaign by all concerned with basic decency to try to get President Clinton to release Innathan Pollard, who is now an Israeli citizen. His case is foremost in the minds of the Israeli government and the Israeli people. Ten years in prison is enough. TOBY WILLIG

DR. GISELLA PERL

Jerusalem.

Sir. - Showtime, in conjunction with Paramount Pictures, is producing a movie based on the life of dr. Gisella Perl, a survivor of the Holocaust. Originally from Sighet, Hungary, Dr. Perl aided many of ber fellow inmates while imprisoned in Auschwitz (1944-1945) and Bergen-Belsen (just prior to liberation). Sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal and the Joint Distribution Council, she came to America where she helped to raise funds for her fellow refugees. When she moved to Israel in the early 1980s, she worked with the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. Dr. Perl passed away on December 16, 1988. It is in the interest of doing justice to Dr. Perl's story that we ask for a response from any reader who knew her before, during or after the war. Contact us - at (818) 265-8404 or 1549 Riverside Drive No. 4. Glendale, CA 91201, or E-mail MMMAGUS@aol.com.

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YOSEF GOELL

Relevance not reverence

my favorite Jewish anecdotes concerns the turn of the is not the same as those of century founder of the Mussar Hillet and Israel Salanter. (Jewish morality) Movement, To judge hy his past performance and recent statements, to Rahbi Israel Salanter. When Rahhi Salanter, who hy stan-Hammer and his fellow dards of devoutness would cer-Orthodox religionists the containly qualify today as a haredi Jew, migrated to the US one of cept of Jewish morality tends to he synnnymous with yidhis tasks was to supervise the dishkeit, or Jewish folk relihaking of extra-kosher shnuro matza for Pessah. When he fell ill in his old age, his disciples gion. primarily of East European shiell origin. came to his bedside to ask for

For the status of Bible studies to be restored, they must be taught critically by secular teachers, who do not regard it as a holy book

When Hammer served as education minister in the previous Likud government he approached the daunting task of being an Orthodox minister of education for a largely non-Orthodox population very gingerty. But the sum modicum of yiddishkeit into the secular schools' curriculum was to make anything smacking of Jewishness abhorrent to the overwhelming majority of secular

THE REASON for this sad turn of events lies in the vasily different interpretations of what

constitutes Jewishness Hammer and his kind find it impossible to understand that the siddur, the Jewish book of prayer, is totally irrelevant to a should he about. Teenagers are large part of the population which does not helieve in a still exquisitely receptive to God one can pray to. These are such teaching if it is done well, people who believe that teaching the prayer book has no place in our schools, except for courses on Medieval Jewish

Similarly, for a large part of the population the Bible is not the divine word of God, handed down to Moses on Mount Sinai, but the greatest single literary and historical creation of the Jewish People. Bible studies used to be very popular in the secular schools; hut no longer. It is important that the status of Bible studies he restored. But that would require teaching the Bible critically hy secular teachers, who do not regard it as a holy hook. The teaching of Jewish history must deal honestly with the pluralistic streams in Judaism over the millenia and with a positive treatment of the fargoing secularization of the Jewish People in the last centu-

ry and more. The teaching of morality can only succeed if it focuses on questions that are relevant to young Israelis today: sex relations, the status of women, attitudes to those who are different in their religion or nationality, honesty in daily relations with our fellows, honesty in husi-

There is much we can learn from Jewish tradition and history about these issues. There is also very much that is irrelevant 10 today's problems.

suspect that Hammer would he horrified at the idea of teaching such approaches - and the theory of evolution and democracy. 100 - in the State Religious Schools. I'm sure it won't happen in the medievalstyle haredi schools. Until a modus vivendi is worked out for a much needed cross-fertilization hetween our various religious and secular traditions. Hammer must resist his tendency to introduce his particularly narrow-minded version of viddishkeit into the general schools. Otherwise, I'm cenain that our schools will turn into an even more incendiary arena than Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-

llan. The writer comments on pub-

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## Diaspora Jewry to Israel: Don't write us off

At the recent CAJE conference in Jerusalem. Abraham Rabinovich found that contrary to conventional wisdom. Diaspora Jewish identity may not be dying

MID the good cheer and ebullient Yiddishkeit, a disturbing thought stole upon an observer watching the largestever gathering in Israel of Diaspora Jewish educators enjoying a celebratory evening on the Jerusalem promenade last week.

Were these 1,700 enthusiastic teachers - some of them dancing to Israeli music on the loudspeakers - heralds of the Jewish future or anachronistic survivors of an irretrievably lost

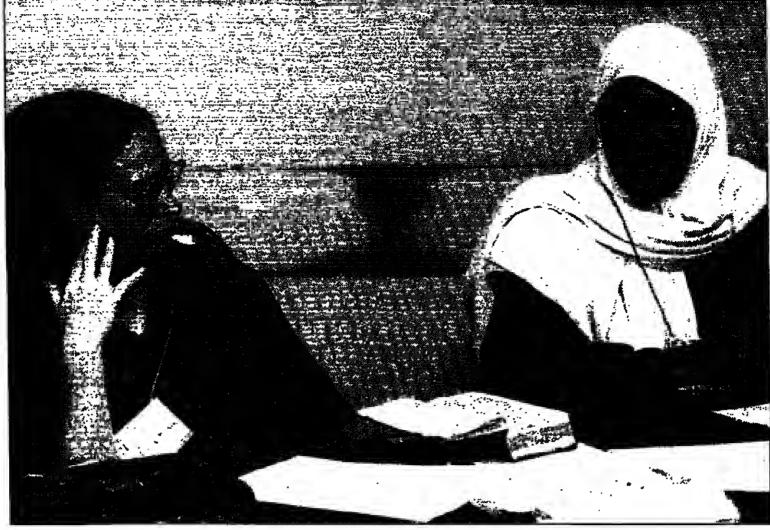
The Jewish education network is a finger in the dike," declared David Harman, director-general of the Joint Authority for Jewish Zionist Education, which services Diaspora schools around the world. "Education alone can't turn the

The ude he was talking about on the eve of the conference was Jewish identity in the Diaspora. In the US, more Jews die every year than are bom. The intermarriage rate is 52 percent. While 6% of non-Jewish spouses convert to Judaism, 11% of Jews in mixed marriages convert out. No more than 20% of American Jews have ever been to Israel. Only half those children who are born Jewish receive any formal Jewish education - and then, for the most part, only a smattering. Fewer than 100 teachers are produced annually by American Jewish teachers' seminaries.

"One of the biggest problems in the US is that very few kids go on to Jewish secondary schools where one's identity is usually formed," said Harman, whose Jerusalem-based organization cosponsored last week's conference with the American organization CAJE - The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education.

"A family in which Jewishness plays a small role will send a kid off to three or four years of supplementary school before his bar mitzva as a sort of a rite of passage. But if the kid doesn't live in a Jewish environment the chances of his becoming very Jewish are extremely slim,"

While the Orthodox community in America is more than holding its own, the bulk of American Jewry is struggling to retain its identity amid the



Gilla Rosen listens to Nadia Natoul as she teaches Islam to a class at the CAJE conference.

powerful lures of the non-Jewish environment. The struggle, Harman acknowledged, is uphill. "Many communities don't care about Jewish education and just give lip service to it," he said.

The mordant thoughts evoked by the bald statistics were not entirely shared by participants in the conference themselves. "No, the situation is not desperate," said Benzy

Cogen, principal of the Los Angeles Hebrew High School, which has 300 students. "Jewish day schools are growing. Jewish camp-

ing is growing by leaps and bounds. High school education is growing. The quality of program-

ming in many schools is much better than it was five, 10 years ago. Every Jewish adulescent is searching for something in terms of religiousspiritual growth, in terms of identity. Every kid is ripe for growing into a Jew."

But only 10% to 15% of Jewish school-age children in bis area receive a serious Jewish education, Cogen acknowledged. Only a third of the 600,000 Jews in Los Angeles are affiliated with a synagogue and only about half of the children of even these affiliated families receive a Jewish

The future? "I think Jewish consciousness will

remain about the same," answers Cogen. "Camps and Sunday schools will remain strong. The people who will get lost will be those who study just for the bar mitzva. What we will have is a small-

er core of more committed Jews. I'm not sure

A VERY different picture was presented by Jewish educators from the former Communist bloc attending the conference.

what the ramifications of that are.'

"We are at the beginning of a process which is going to see the number of children educated in Jewish schools expanding," said Dr. Anna tion. Don't write us off."

Szeszler, director of a Jewish school in Budapest which has 600 children from kindergarten through high school.

It is difficult to say how many Jews live in Budapest, she said, because of the loss of Jewish identity over the years and intermarriage. However, the number is expanding. In the six years since the collapse of communism, three Jewish schools have opened in the Hungarian

"Many parents who didn't know how to express their Jewishness are beginning to find their own roots," said Szeszler, whose grandparents were killed in Auschwitz. "The children are teaching their parents. I see it happening." She does not speak Hebrew, but her children do.

In the countries of the former Soviet Union, notes Harman, close to 100,000 people are involved in Jewish education programs. "There has been an absolute renaissance in Jewish education there. Starting from nothing, there are now 40 day schools, 40 Sunday schools, 250 ulpanim and many summer camps."

Some Jewish communities in other parts of the world have succeeded in retaining a high level of Jewish consciousness, he noted. In Mexico, 85% of the community's youngsters attend Jewish schools through 12th grade and there is relatively little intermarriage. In Australia, the Jewish community is actually growing, thanks to immigra-tion from South Africa, and because 75% of youngsters attend Jewish bigh schools. Elsewhere, Jewish communities are shrinking. The notable exception, of course, is Israel, which is booming demographically and serves es a major communal anchor for world Jewry.

SOME OF the American participants in the conference argued that appearances of assimilation in the largest Diaspora country are deceiving. " think Jewish consciousness is increasing," said Dr. Barry Lever of Baltimore, e dentist who also teaches Jewish subjects in an afternoon school run by the Conservative movement. 'Twenty years ago we didn't have a kosher restaurant in town. Now we have seven."

For many of the youngsters who drop out of Jewish education after their bar mitzva, he said, Jewish consciousness kicks in during their university years when they take Jewish studies courses. Many converts to Judaism have also become active members in the community.

"Orthodox growth is incredible and my own Conservative congregation is growing so fast we can't sell you a membership - there are no seats

in the synagogue left.
Whatever is beppening, the "pintele yid" [the nucleus of Jewish consciousness] is still there. There is a conscious effort to pass on our tradi-

### The president's power of pardon

In the Supreme Court, sitting as o High Court of Justice, before Justices Theodore Orr. Yitzhak Zamir, ond Dolio Dorner, in the motter of Meir Eindor ond The Terror Victims Organization, peritioners, versus the Isroel Government and Minister of Justice. (H.C.5205/96).

THE petitioners moved the Supreme Court to set aside President Ezer 1996, under section 11(b) of the Basic Law: The President of the State, of 1964, to reduce the life sentence of two women terrorists convicted of murder.

In delivering judgment, the court pointed out that the President had acted on the justice minister's recommendation based upon the agreement between Israel and the Palestine Authority relating to the release of Palestinian prisoners.

The release, however, had been delayed pending the court's decision. Ciune numerous precedents, the court reiterated that the president, in exercising his wide discretion relating to the pardon of prisoners or the reduction of their sentences, was entitled to weigh grounds of state policy. He was jus-ufied, therefore, in including international agreements concerning the release of prisoners to which it was

The full facts relating to the prisoners' actions, in all their gravity, were before the president. At the same time the minister, in his recommendation, relied upon the above agreement under which Israel had consented to the release **ASHER FELIX LANDAU** 

of Palestinian women prisoners asa confidence-building measure between the parties.

In all the circumstances, the court held, no fault could be found either with the minister's recommendation or with the president's exercise of his discretion. There was, therefore, no basis for the court's inter-

For the above reasons, the petition was dismissed. The petitioners appeared in person, and Malchiel Blass, Scnior Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the government and the minister.

The judgment was given on July 24, 1996.

PAROLE BOARD DECISION SET ASIDE

In the Supreme Court, siming as a High Court of Justice, before the President Justice Aharon Barak, the Deputy-President Justice Shlomo Levin, and Justice Dalia Dorner, in the matter of The Attorney-General. pentioner, versus Ya'acov Haim Alperon, respondent (H.C.5319/96).

Alperon, aged about 42, has a number of previous convictions mostly for crimes of violence. He was sentenced to various prison terms, but in most cases the parole board authorized his early release. After each case, however, he returned to a life of crime.

He was last senienced to various prison terms for serious crimes

amounting in all to some seven

On July 21, 1996, the parole board at the Ma'asiyahu prison. chaired by a district court judge. again authorized his early release, and the anomey general petitioned the court to set that decision aside.

> judgment, said the board had relied mainly on the following grounds: positive reports of Alperon's conduct in prison, including his contribution to rehabilitating drug addicts; his honest motivation, as it felt, to change his ways; many let-ters of recommendation including that of Nitzav-Mishneh Rafi Levy. spokesman of the internal security ministry, and two of Tat-Nitzav Leder, head of the police intelligence branch (although it refused to accept an amending letter from Levy which was submitted lately and a lot of intelligence material which, it said, did not affect its con-

The court, he said, was conscious of its tendency to limit its intervention in district court decisions. In the present case, however, the

lack of balance in the board's decision between the factors involved justified the court's intervention. Firstly, Alperon's many convic-

tions, and his having broken faith with the board more than once in the past, imposed on him a heavy burden to convince it now of his honest intention to mend his ways. Secondly, after the court had

examined the classified material befure the board and had received oral explanations, it had, contrary to the board, formed a negative impression of Alperon's conduct.

· Thirdly, Leder's first letter did not support Alperon's early release and, moreover, he had submitted a second letter of clarification.

Fourthly, the board should not have refused to receive Levy's second letter, the court, with Alperon's consent, had read it, and it appeared he had written the first ligence material submitted to the

board. In conclusion, Justice Levin held that the board had failed to give proper weight to the heavy burden resting on Alperon of justifying his early release, and its reliance on Levy's first letter and on the intelligence material could not be sup-ported. It should, therefore, have refused the application. The petition was subsequently

allowed, and the board's decision was set aside. Alperon would be entitled to renew bis application to the board one year after the board's

Orit Koren, Senior Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the attorney general, and Eli Cohen and Yarom Halevy appeared for

The judgment was given on July

### Danger in the deep

N the period since the breakup of the Soviet Union, much information has come to light, some of it shocking and most of it carefully concealed for decades.

Such is the news that a sunken submarine carrying plutonium-laden warheads is lying at the bottom of the sea a few kilometers off the coast of Norway. Recent inspection reveals that the casings of the missiles are seriously eroded and may disintegrate at any moment. Should this happen, the results would be too horrible to

The entry of plutonium, which is highly soluble in sea water, into the waters of this great and rich fishing area would probably sterilize the entire marine food chain over an area of many hundreds of square kilometers. It would most likely damage a hefty proportion of the world's sea-based food sup-

Plans are under way to try to encase the warheads in a sarcophegus of special concrete that sets underwater.

The warheads are too far gone to risk trying to lift them from the

But even the sarcophagus idea is fraught with problems and one of them is how to get a proper layer of the containment under the

crumbling weapons. Marine engineers are still locked in debate about the advisEARTHLY CONCERNS D'VORA BEN SHAUL

ability of digging under the missiles or trying to shift them gently onto a prepared concrete floor before enclosure. In any case, the project is going

to cost many millions of dollars and it is the Western nations that. as usual, have to foot the bill. I say as usual because at the moment, vast sums are being spent by international agencies, tries, in order to shore up the crumbling nuclear reactors in the former USSR and its satellite countries before they too go the way of Chernobyl.

Nowbere is the former USSR's responsibility mentioned. Everyone knows that these states are bankrupt. Well, so was Germany at the end of World War Il but as soon as it was on its financial feet the German people got the bill - and a hefty bill it

The USSR also lost a costly war - the Cold War - and it seems strange that everyone seems to feel that bygones are just that and no account needs to be made.

But they should be called to account; and as soon as the countries of the former USSR are able, they should be obliged to pay compensation. These damages were caused by shouldy reactors, concealed evidence of serious mishaps like the sunken submarine or the illegal whaling carried out for decades with ships conmaking satellite photos impossi-

This ploy, only recently discovered, rendered all information on wbaling and whale populations invalid and meant that the multimillions spent on research were simply wasted.

Today, there is no choice but to address the problems and to try to prevent disasters. But that is not enough. The culpable countries must accept their responsibility and pay the bill.

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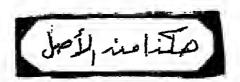
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### **The Nation**

## Big Man in Congress: Kennedy, of All People

By ADAM CLYMER

WASHINGTON HEN the legislative record of the 104th Congress is complete, the names of Republicans like Newt Gingrich, John Kasich, Bill Archer, Bob Livingston, Tom Bliley, Pete Domenici and Bob Dole will dominate it - along with that of a Democrat wbom most of them have battled or disdained during their careers.

Probably not since Senator Everett Dirksen and Representative William McCulloch provided a critical balance in getting civil rights bills passed in the 1960's has any member of the Coogressional minority influenced the agenda as much as Edward M. Kennedy bas

He led the effort to raise the Federal minimum wage and, allied with Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum, a Kansas Republican, pushed through legislation to help people take their health insurance coverage from job to job and limit pre-existing condition exclusions.

But beyond that, he played what the Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle calls a dominant role in shaping the Democrats' 1995 defenses on education and Medicare, successes that set the stage for this year's occasional victories. "I don't know anybody who contributed more," Mr. Daschle said.

The two bills he is identified with, along with serious spending cuts and legislation that the Republicans pushed through on welfare, telecommunications and farm price supports, bave freed this Congress from the "do-nothing" label Mr. Daschle and others sought to hang on it. But after the 1994 Republican landslide, indeed even at the eod of last year, no one would have bet that a Kennedy trademark would be anywhere on this Congress's record.

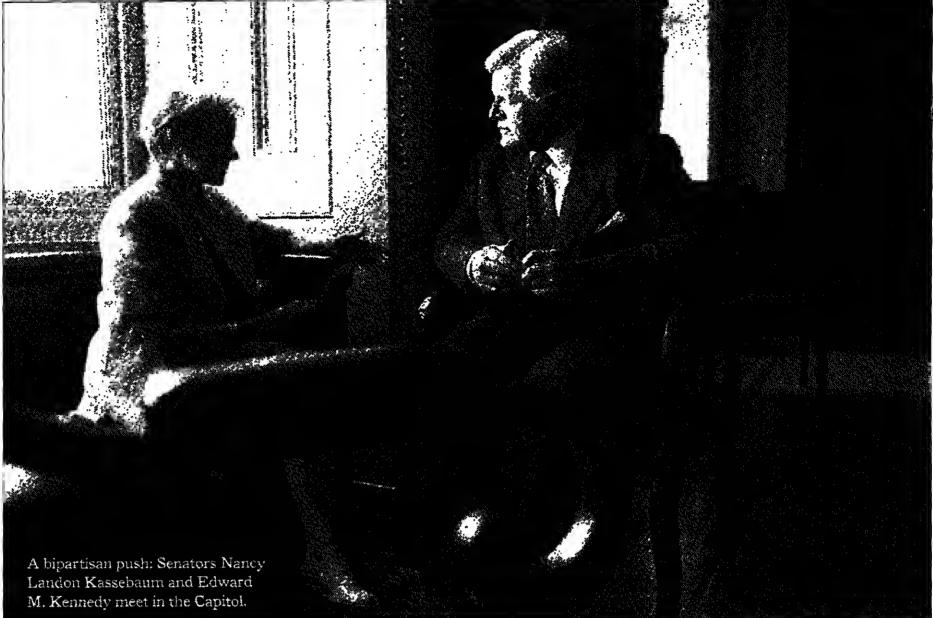
#### **Not Just Hope**

Mr. Kennedy said last week that Aug. 2, the day the minimum-wage and insurance bills were finally passed, was the most satisfying day of legislation in his 32 years in the Senate. "When you know that as a result of a legislative change people's lives are going to be different, and for the better," he said, "I think you have got something very tangible." Other Important measures, be said, involved voting for "hope" - like the hope of ending discrimination or war.

The road toward the statute books was very different for the two measures. Raising the minimum wage to \$5.15 from \$4.25 over two years was essentially a partisan project. Agreement among Democrats was essential, and came about after Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Daschle scaled back a proposal calling for a rate of \$5.75 (after three years) and regular cost-of-living adjustments.

The route was straight ahead, battering the Republicans with an issue that enjoys the support of four of five Americans, until Mr. Gingrich, and then Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, decided the time had come to give in

and move on. But the health insurance bill required bipartisan support. Here, Senator Kassebaum's determination was even more critical than Mr. Kennedy's. While disagreeing sharply with him on many issues, Senator Kassebaum has worked with him toward many bipartisan agreements since the failed health care effort of 1994.



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Together, they focused on the issues that attracted most public support. Without her making clear to other Republicans, like Mr. Dole, "that It was a priority for her," Mr. Kennedy sald, "I think It would have been very, very difficult. It was difficult enough."

Before it was over, Mr. Kennedy not only had to deal with a familiar Senate moderate, but he also had to negotiate the end-game with Mr. Archer, a hard-bargaining House conservative whom he did not know at all. "He was a tough bargainer," Mr. Archer sald. "I feel like f am a tough bargainer, too. We resolved it, I think, as gentle-

Some of that is experience in how the Congress really works, learned over a career in which he pro-

gressed from an effective free-lancer on many issues to the Senate's dominant force on health legislation, and then civil rights and education. Ross Baker, a professor of political science at Rutgers University, said of Mr. Kennedy, "f guess that what is so astonishing is the period of history that this man fills - from the Senate of Ev Dirksen and Jim Eastland to the Senate of Paul Wellstone and Rick Santorum.

"It's not just occupying a seat — but to have had an influence to varying degrees on Important aspects of public policy over nearly 40 years ranks with the Henry Clays and Daniel Websters.

But Senator Kennedy's latest successes also result from more recent activity that softened up the Republican majorities and left there feeling they needed to enact some legislation if they were going to be re-elected. Mr. Kennedy, whose hard-won campaign for re-election in Massachusetts two years ago had stressed simple Democratic themes like jobs and health care and education, played a major role in that party effort. As Democrats awoke from a sense of hurt and bewilderment over the 1994 results, he urged them to make an issue out of education and Medicare.

Mr. Daschle recalls his constant presence: "I wanted everybody to feel engaged in the process. But it seemed like virtually the consistent figure in every task force at every meeting was Ted Kennedy. He was really like this enthusiastic freshman looking for more work."

Kemp, and Other Political Footballers

### A Quarterback Who Doesn't Like Warming the Bench

By IRA BERKOW

UST before be was elected to the House of Representatives in 1970, candidate Jack Kemp of Buffalo, N.Y., was asked what experiences in his 13-year career as a pro football quarterback qualified him to be a congressman.

"Pro football gave me a good sense of perspective to enter politics," he said. "I'd already been booed, cheered, cut, sold, traded and hung in effigy."

As Bob Dole's running mate, the former congressman and former all-American Football League signal caller for the Buffalo Bills will be running as ferveotly toward November as he ever did toward a goal line. Critics, though, will certainly argue that he will be running from some issues with the cleverness he used to dodge snaggle-toothed linemen.

But can Mr. Kemp's pro football career be any guide to his fitness as Vice President?

Lyndon B. Johnson once voiced doubts about Gerald R. Ford, who was a center for the University of Michigan and a member of the 1935 College All-Star team. "The trouble with Ford," President Johnson said, "is that he played one too many games without a helmet." Richard M. Nixon, who was a third-string tackle at On the playing field, at least, his role was to give orders, not to take them.

Whittier College, was regularly trampled oo in practice, according to his former coach, Chlef Newman. But the young Nixon kept getting up and sticking his nose in for more. "Dick liked the battle, though," the coach said, 'and the smell of sweat."

Ronald Reagan was a lineman for Eureka College in Illinois. He said he was little more than hamburger fodder for the big boys. "Football," he said, "went deeper" than other sports. "That's why you can look at that bench wheo the TV camera comes over and see the fellows sitting there crying. I've sat there crying.

All three of those Presidents - and two were first Vice Presidents - were linemen. A quarterback, however, is a different animal: He gives orders. He doesn't take them - unless his coach sends in a new guard on every play to dictate the course of action.

When Mr. Kemp, who is 61 and a former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, was asked the other day if he would be ready to run for the Vice-Presidency, he said, "Quarterbacks are always ready."

This might be a problem. After all, quarterbacks are trained to throw bombs. They're nervous, and always sniffing for blltzes. And they are always getting their bells rung. How can a Vice President who may still hear faint tintinnabulations even get any sleep?

"He's not a supporting actor," said William Kristol, editor of The Weekly Standard, after Mr. Kemp Iried helping Steve Forbes's campaign. "He's not a backstage player. He's a quarterback."

Can Mr. Kemp be trusted? Remember, one of his favorite plays was the quarterback sneak. Other Kemp football achievements, include leading the Bills to a couple of A.F.L. championships, once winning the Most Valuable Player award. As a quarterback, he was able to take punishment and was considered creative and brainy, in a job wherebrains are not altogether necessary.. Some quarterbacks, after all, run onto the field with the plays writteo on their pants and hands.

But a smart guy knows how to make threats. When Mr. Kemp won reelection to Congress, he explained his strategy. "I told people that if they didn't reelect me," he said, "f'd come back as a quarterback of the Bills."



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### The Republicans Find It Hard Running Up the Middle

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government's books (and an abiding skepticism of Ronald Reagan's economic policies). The choice of Mr. Kemp, a supply-side tax-cutter from way back, gives him a bit more credibility in his new role.

Washington is anathema to voters these days, so Mr. Dole sought early on to symbolically shed decades of personal history by resigning from the Senate to campaign as a plain Joe from Kansas.

Mr. Dole has done what he could to see to it that this year's Republican convention avoids the pitfalls of the 1992 gathering in Houston. Before settling on Mr. Kemp. he sought in vain to persuade General Colin Powell, perhaps the best man to guarantee the ticket an image of good sense and balance, to become his running mate.

He also sought language in the platform that would explicitly express the party's tolerance of those in its ranks who back abortion rights (for "tolerance" read "inclusion" or "non-extremism"). But the opponents of abortion, especially Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, had done their work well, electing delegates in state after state who were determined not to yield on what they deem to be a profound moral issue.

The best the former Senator could madage on that score was a tolerant appendix, which will no doubt be even less read or heeded than the platform it accompanies. It was apparently enough to avoid a floor fight led by the Rockefellers of 1996, like Governors William Weld of Massachusetts and Cbristine Todd Whitman of New Jersey. But the platform as a whole constitutes a



On Friday, the Doles surveyed the crowd at Dwight D. Eisenhower's boyhood home in Abilene, Kan.

statement of party principles closer in its music, if not always in its words, to the unbridled nationalism and populism of Patrick J. Buchanan than to Mr. Dole's

careful formulations "We could not be more pleased," said Angela (Bay) Buchanan, Mr. Buchanan's sister, with a document that will include many of the themes from the Buchanan campaign: opposition to American troops serving under foreign commanders in United Nations peacekeeping forces, opposition to same-sex marriages, opposition to public assistance for children born to illegal aliens while

in the United States. It is uncertain how the platform and the convention speeches about it will play with the voters; a prominent moderate Republican in Pennsylvania said last week that voters in suburban Philadelphia, one of the pivotal areas where the hot Houston rhetoric hurt Mr. Bush in

1992, would be listening to every word. If they are offended once more, if they sense that the Republican Party has been radicalized like the Democratic Party of the 1970's, Mr. Clinton will be waiting to greet them with open arms. His own convention later this month will be scripted to send nothing but signals of harmony and moderation, in sharp contrast to the scenes of combat, both physical and metaphysical. that emanated from Chicago in 1968.

Ross Perot will be waiting, too, as the presumptive nominee of his Reform Party at its curiously hifurcated convention, beginning in Long Beach, Calif., before the Republican gathering down the coast and ending after il in Valley Forge, Pa. Third parties in America have traditionally been havens for those who found the major parties too moderate, not too extreme, but Mr. Perot likes to think he is in sync with the Jaundiced Majority that considers all mainstream politics a joke, particularly a mainstream politics whose leading lights so readily jettison principles to woo voters. But in the end the joke may be on Mr. Perot, too, since he has his own problems with political constancy.

#### The Hard Line's Victories

The most pressing problem for Mr. Dole, as he himself has no doubt concluded, is the hard-line conservalives within his party, who have also triumphed in a number of important primarles in recent months, in Kansas, Representative Sam Brownback, one of Newl Gingrich's foot soldiers, defeated the establishment Senator appointed in Mr. Dole's place, Shella Frahm, and other outspoken foes of abortion won in such diverse states as Georgia, Michigan and Illinois. They are all expected to face trouble in November, local politicians say, in appealing to moderates of both parties.

So may Mr. Dole. For two decades, from 1968, when Richard Nixon discovered how to appeal to what he called the Silent Majority, through 1988, it was the Republicans who seemed like the natural party of government, in tune with the national Zeitgeist, and the Democrats who seemed the party of cranks and havenols. Those roles may now be reversing, with profound political consequences.



## The World

# Officially Absolved, Colombian Still Gets No Respect

RESIDENT ERNESTO SAMPER entered the third year of his presidency last week trailed by the ghost of charges that drug money financed his election. The absolution from the Colombian Congress that he fought so bard for last June is doing little to clear his name, while a new indictment against drug traffickers in Miami is kindling talk of his possible extradition. Lacking support in familiar quarters, Mr. Samper is launching a desperate, at times embarrassing, drive for respectability abroad and post-presideotial survival at home.

Far from clearing Mr. Samper's name, the official exoceration has deepened the crisis confronting him; it virtually ends any legal means of removing him. The Congress, itself compromised by suspected links between drug traffickers and many of its members, has left Colombians with the strange conclusion that the scandal wracking their country is baseless.

The exoneration has also given a fresh breath of surrealism to Mr. Samper's tenacious efforts to appear presidential, despite popularity ratings that have dropped by half since he took office. Unwelcome in the United States, where the State Department has stripped him of his visa, Mr. Samper has gone courting support elsewhere, often at extravagant prices.

#### **Looking for Respect**

Earlier this month, he was embraced by President Jacques Chirac of France, who proposed an international consortium to buy coca harvests and finance crop substitution programs in Colombia. Never mind that the proposal contradicted the vow that Horacio Serpa, the Interior Minister who was running the country in the President's absence, was making at the same time. Mr. Serpa told protesting farmers that the Government was adamant in its determination to burn and fumigate their coca crops.

The cost of French support? Confusion, embarrassment and perhaps millions of dollars. Accompanying Mr. Samper in Paris, the new Foreign Minister, Maria Emma Mejía, announced that Colombia had decided to purchase \$200 million worth of French helicopters, though no final decision had been reached on bids solicited from 12 countries. Back home, the Defense Ministry complained that the French helicopters were far more expensive than either the American or Russian models, and that the decision was not up to the Foreign Minister.

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In Spain, Mr. Samper's next stop, Prime Minister José Maria Aznar was too busy to see him. Colombia's own Vice President. Humberto de la Calle, who also serves as ambassador to Madrid, carefully avoided being photographed greeting Mr. Samper at

Since his exoneration, Mr. Samper has issued a flurry of promises for reforms, including get-tough policies against drug traffickers and increased authority for the military, despite objections from human rights groups. But critics complain that the reforms are like reflections in funhouse mirrors, lacking force and coherence, and the result of a failure to acknowledge that drug kingpins influence much of what happens in Colombia. The problem with the reforms, said Otty Patino, head of the civic group, Inspector's Office for the Truth, is "they don't deal with our biggest problem, which is

Some of the reforms seem like frantic attempts to salvage Colombia's image as a country serious about cracking down on drug



President Ernesto Samper of Colombia speaking at a graduation ceremony at a military academy in Bogotá in May.

cartels. Others, proposed and then dropped, would have weakened the means to check rampant corruption. In Bogota, graffiti oo a downtown wall suggested that Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, a Cali drug lord implicated in the campaign financing scandal, should be President: "Do away with the middleman,"

Such brazen inferences, along with the persistent allegations of the President's corruption, have caused him to become more doggedly insistent that if drug money entered his campaign, he was unaware of it. In a recent letter to The New York Times, he asserted that the convictions of his campaign treasurer, Santiago Medina, and the Liberal former Senator Maria Izquierdo, "far from . casting clouds on my presidency, clarify this situation in a very positive manner." He failed to mention that Mr. Medina and Mrs. Izquierdo were both convicted, in part, for "illicit enrichment on behalf of a third party," and that, in the case of Mr. Medina, the conviction named Mr. Samper's presidential campaign specifically as that "third party."

The President was also described, though not named, in Operation Cornerstone, a broad indictment handed up in Miami,

#### A Latin leader tries to curry favor in Europe while placating his military at home.

charging Gilberto and Miguel Rodriguez and some 72 associates with racketeering, drug trafficking and hribery of Colombian politicians. That indictment may well have raised Mr. Samper's fears of extraditioo to the United States, and hastened his measures to protect himself after he leaves office in 1998.

Even reforms that would stiffen penalties for drug trafficking and bribery lack the moral credibility the Samper administration is so eagerly seeking; they come too late to affect the Rodriguez brothers, his suspected backers, whose cases are in their final stages in Colombia. Others seem more like counterreforms, designed to strengthen his hand. Ooe would put the chief prosecutor, who brought charges against Mr. Samper early this year, under his control. Politically he is managing to stave off the rumored threat of a coup with increased funds and other concessions to the milltary, which has gained leverage in proportion to the crisis.

#### Self-Preservation

And last month, in a speech opening Conimper raised the prospect of constitutional amendments that would have increased chances that Mr. Serpa, his most trusted adviser, could succeed him. The changes would have scheduled all elections on a single date, eliminating the secood round of presidential voting and thus favoring the candidates hand-picked by the two major parties. Amid a chorus of rebukes, the President backed down, but his Liberal Party may still get them through Congress.

Plinio Apuleyo Mendoza, Colombia's former ambassador to Italy and one of the authors of a best-selling sendup of the left, "Manual of the Perfect Latin American Idiot," said the maneuvers for political reform took Colombians by surprise. "Most people were thinking either that Samper would finish out his term in 1998 or that he would leave," Mr. Apuleyo said. "The third option didn't occur to anybody: that the same people would try to hang on to power after 1998.

The European Vacation

### Beach Blanket Burghers and Other Oddities

By JOHN TAGLIABUE

T'S August in Europe, and the serious business of vacations has begun.

Consider Germany. This summer, as it does every year, the Government has imposed a plan by which the country's 16 states begin their six-week-or-so school vacations at different times. This year schools in a patch of northern states stretching from Hamburg to Berlin closed June 20, reopening at the end of July. On June 27 a chaster of states in what was formerly East Germany, around Saxony and Thuringia, started their school vacations, and on July 4 schools in the big state of North Rhine-Westphalia, whose 17 million people make it roughly comparable to the state of New York, set their hordes free. By last week, when children in Hamburg and Berlin were returning to class, little Bavarians in the Alpine south were bidding their teachers auf Wieder-

Imagine Washington ordering New England states to stagger their school vacations so that Vermont schoolchildren quit in mid-June, while Rhode Island children tough it out till early August. Why do the Germans do it?

#### The Big Exodus

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It's simple. In August, Europe shuts down. Not only do governments go into recess, as they do in Washington and American state capitals. Most Europeans get four to six weeks paid vacation and, unlike Americans, who might take a week or two here and there during the year, they take it all at once. Io Germany, assembly lines at the big automobile plants fall mostly idle; the hallways of corporate headquarters go dark. In Italy hospitals slow down, and pregnant women try not to go into labor.

Roman movie theaters and most restaurants close. A huge exodus of Italians and French, Spaniards and Dutch begins, from cities and towns to the beaches and



Fresh air and company: Many Germans summer in the resort city of Diano Marino on the Italian Adriatic.

Of course, not everyone goes very far. Tens of

thousands of Italian and French families travel comparatively short distances from one part of the country to another. The Milanese brave the autostrada and bake for three or four weeks on the Italian Riviera. Romans drive the few miles to balmy Ostia and Fregene on the Mediterranean shore. Parisians set off for the windswept coasts

of Normandy and Brittany. The Italians and French so love their own land in August that only tiny numbers - less than 10 percent of their populations — travel outside their countries.

The Germans are different. Given the chilliness of of Germany's northern beaches, about 90 percent of Ger-

mans spend their summer holidays outside the country. So many of them flood Italy's Adriatic seacoast to roast under the sun each summer that those beaches have come to be known as the Teutonic Grill.

Germany's reunification in 1990 combined about 81 million people, or roughly one-third the American population, in an area slightly smaller than Montana. (West Germany, with 61 million people, was the size of Oregon.) Add to that Germany's 14 million Dutch neighbors, whose vacation habits resemble the Germans', and the problematic logistics of vacationing en masse emerge.

Staggered school vacations are not the only means to a better-organized summer. To assure bookings at favored resorts for the oext season, many Germans and Dutch reserve at the end of this year's vacation for next

#### **Traditions Eroding**

But European vacation traditions may be about to change, with even an economic powerhouse like Germany now preaching austerity as it copes with record unemployment and a wilting currency.

"The Germans, unlike, for example, the Italians, have already begun spreading their vacations out over the year," said Ralf Corsten, chairman of T.U.I., the German travel agency, whose 25 percent stake in the \$135 billion German vacation market makes it the world's largest

Old habits are dying in France and Italy, too, if more slowly. In 1988, 56 percent of Italians responded in a survey that they preferred those long, lazy August vacations; this year the number was 38 percent.

Not everyone is celebrating the trend. Massimo Masini, the Mayor of Riccione, a tinselly beach town on the Teutonic Grill, who moonlights summers as a disk jockey, lamented recently the absence of the Germans and the weakness of the mark, which has lost 30 percent of its value this year.

"Thank God the Russlans are arriving," Mr. Masini said. "Their suits are lined with American dollars."

### **Ideas & Trends**

### For Your F.B.I. File, Take a Number (15,001)

By DAVID WALLIS

EXT time the Clinton Administration trumpets declining unemployment figures, they may owe some thanks to Craig Livingstone.

Mr. Livingstone, the former White House director of personnel security, resigned under pressure in June after improperly acquiring confidential Federal Bureau of Investigation files on nearly 900 people, including many prominent Republicans. While Mr. Livingstone's departure reduced the nation's labor force by one, his legacy may be the creation of 350 jobs at the F.B.1.

Since oews broke of the file fiasco, the F.B.I. has been swamped with requests from citizens asking to review their own files under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, the laws establishing the statutory rights to obtain Government documents. In response the Senate committee responsible for funding the bureau voted unanimously this month to beef up the F.B.I. department that processes those requests.

There are 9.6 million F.B.I. files on individuals, alive and dead, plus organizations and criminal investigations. If the empty 9by-II 1/2-inch white folders were empty and stacked one on top of another, the paper tower would rise about 20 miles into the sky. But the files are not empty. They are full of "raw" information - uncorroborated rumors often spread by anonymous sources, including paid informants, about marital infidelities, sexual orientation, drug use, political leanings and mental stability. Imag-

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ine a federally financed version of the National Enquirer with J. Edgar Hoover as its editor-in-chief.

Investigative files existed before Hoover joined the Bureau in 1917, but they multiplied exponentially during his reign as director from 1924 until his death in 1972. He maintained dossiers on Government officials, artists, writers, activists and celebrities ranging from Edward R. Murrow to Liberace. And he would often share morsels of gossip with the White House to titillate, and sometimes threaten, the presidents he served. During the Hoover years, publicly criticizing the F.B.I. or signing a petition protesting the Viemam War was enough to spur an F.B.I. surveillance. No more.

#### **Mastercard Knows More**

"Two types of files now exist," explained James M. Fox, former chief of the F.B.I.'s New York office. 'The first type is for people who have committed crimes or been the subject of a criminal investigation. The second is for someone nominated for a high positioo that requires a background check."

"You just can't collect stuff like you used to," Mr. Fox said. "In some cases the F.B.I. can collect far less information than your local credit bureau."

Most Americans don't have a file, Mr. Fox said. But those who do can expect to wait between two and four years to get the scuttlebutt. "Don't expect to get a quick answer to your request, when you've got 15,000 people in line ahead of you," said F.B.I. spokesman

Why the wait? Several exemptions to the Freedom of Information Act enable agencies to censor information. In recent testimony before the House, J. Kevin O'Brien, chief of the F.B.I.'s Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Section, blamed much of the backlog on the considerable time and resources the F.B.I spends to decide what information can be released "without harming national security, revealing confidential sources, invading personal privacy, interfering with ongoing investigations, disclosing specialized investigative techniques or revealing other sensitive information."

Critics contend that the F.B.I.'s laborious "line by line" editing erodes the Freedom of Information Act's effectiveness. "It's basically been a downhill run for the act since it was signed into law," lamented Ramsey Clark, who helped write the law when he was Attorney General under Lyndon B. Johnson."The exemptions carved into the act are overwhelmingly unwarranted."

Carl Stern, chief spokesman for the Justice Department, faults overzealous requesters. "Better than 95 percent of requests the Justice Department gets are these 'give me all you got' requests." He recalls one that included a list of questions that ran 11 typed pages, single spaced. "It would take a number of F.B.I. employees a number of years just to process that one request," he said. Jack Greenberg, the former director of the

N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense Fund, is intimately familiar with the F.B.I.'s Orwellian interpretation of the laws. In 1991 he received a predominantly censored file. He appealed to the bureau to reverse its decision, only to be informed that the Privacy Act also protected the confidential sources that supplied the skinny oo Mr. Greenberg. So, Mr. Greenberg sued the F.B.L in 1993. The District Court for



In the F.B.I. reading room, it's easier to get Al Capone's files than your own.

the District of Columbia ruled in Mr. Greenberg's favor, awarding him plenty of reading material as well as \$18,000 in legal fees.

The full file included an assessment of Mr. Greenberg as "not subversive," transcripts of wiretapped telephone conversations between him and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a report saying be was the target of two assassination plots. "I knew about ooe assassination attempt, but the F.B.L never told me of the other," said Mr. Greenberg. He still cannot fathom the bureau's stubbornness in releasing it.

#### **High Stakes**

The Freedom of Information Act has few friends at the F.B.I. Mr. Fox recalls "going through pages and pages and pages of stuff deciding what could be excluded and what had to be released." He added, "I did not join the F.B.I. to do this. I joiced the F.B.I. to catch bad guvs."

The agency is trying to streamline its operations. Previously, it processed requests on a first-come-first-serve basis, but now, requests of under 100 pages are put in a separate queue. And the White House and

Congress are pitching in too. To reduce fileglut, the White House requested an additional \$3.3 million to hire 129 more analysts, a figure that's likely to be approved by the full Senate in September. The House offered more, nearly \$14 million, to hire 350 new F.B.I. employees. But its generosity comes with a condition: the people whose files were acquired by the White House get to leapfrog to the front of the line.

Harry Hammitt, publisher of Access Reports, a newsletter that tracks the implementation of the law, suggests that Livingstone's prey should not hold their breath. "To change the F.B.I. from a very closed agency to a very open one will take a considerable amount of time," he said. "They rejected releasing Jimmy Hoffa's file because they said it's a case still under investigation. I don't think the F.B.I. will ever change its

For further information about obtaining an F.B.I. file, contact the F.B.I.'s Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Section of (202) 324-3000. Or call the Freedom of Information Act Clearing House, a non-profit orgonization, ot (202)588-1000.

### Class Warfare? The Rich Win by Default.

#### Stand Up and Be Counted

Percentage of adults who said they voted in each Presidential election, broken down by annual family income. Based on interviews with more than 50,000 respondents in each year. Income is not adjusted for inflation.

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the Republican party platform pledges to help the poor with tax cuts and reduced regulations intended to spur economic growth.

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But it's clear that the platform is aimed at middle

and upper-middle class voters — like those with \$2,000 in extra cash to put in an Individual Retirement Account for a spouse without a paying job. With 2 percent of the delegates surveyed by The New York Times/CBS News Poll reporting family incomes of \$25,000 or less, the average somewhere around \$75,000 and 11 percent over

\$200,000, there is little in the economic section of the platform to bother the delegates themselves.

Even so, the Republicans say how they will help "the poor." The Democratic platform that was recommended Monday in Pittsburgh avoids the word desperately. It appears in a list of Republican sins, what it calls "their wrong-headed and mean-spirited efforts to punish the poor." The Democrats say good things about the Earned Income Tax Credit and raising the minimum wage, but they never whisper the word "poor" to identify the beneficiaries of those programs - who at

That hesitancy, which was seen last year when some Democratic Senators were briefly reluctant to support such a bedrock party issue as raising the minimum wage, may contribute to the declining turnout - which, in a vicious circle, may then contribute to more avoidance of those Issues.

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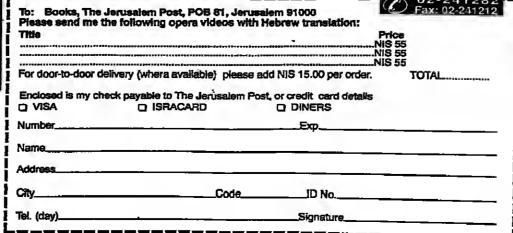


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#### **High Stakes**

The Rev. Jesse Jackson attributed the recent decline to a lack of "candidates who inspire hope." But he said that in about 50 House districts this fall, he planned to emphasize the importance of voting, and the hope of wresting Congress from the Republicans: "The stakes are very high, and much higher than the Presidential campaign."

Black leaders are not the only ones to worry about declining interest among poor voters. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York was eloquent last September, when the first version of the welfare bill was passed, asking the Senate: "Why do we not see the endless parade of petitioners, the lobbyists, the pretend citizen groups, the real citizen groups? None are here."

Last week, he said a major reason for the decline was an intellectual disdain many Democratic reformers of the 1970's held for "the political views of working class, low-income voters, which were at odds with the patrician left." That disdain, he said, led them to curb the role of low-income voters in party politics.

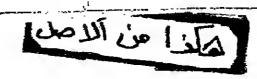
The welfare bill actually may not be a particularly salient example of the effect of lower voting rates among blacks. Douglas J. Besharov, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute here, said that over 30 years, "attitudes toward welfare have almost inexorably led to a bill like this."

"If there had been a Democratic majority in the Congress, it would have been somewhat softer," he said. "But there still would have been time limits and mandatory work. Maybe the poor don't vote. Maybe that made it worse. But you have this underlying tide

Another cautionary voice is that of Ruy A. Teixeira of the Economic Policy Institute. He said turnout differences had less to do with the political agenda than with hostility toward government among the rest of the elecforate. "The poor," he said, "have always been at the mercy of the views and opinions of the middle-class

Representative John Conyers of Michigan, the longest-serving black in Congress, said he was dismayed at a lurnout of only 17 percent in Detroit in last week's primary, about two-thirds of the normal level

"I'll tell you what surprised me," he said. "I have never heard any more complaints about the government's insensitivity to what people need in this country than there have been under the Gingrich leadership. Yet at the same time, instead of that translating into a remarkable turnout, an angry protest at the polls, it turns



# For Sunbeam, Shock Therapy From New Chief

FORT LAUDERDALE, FIA. here's nothing like a chain saw for cutting through paper. But how will it do against toasters and coffee

Albert J. Dunlap, the 59-year-old turnaround specialist who has won the sobriquet Chain Saw for his ruthless cost-cutting ways, vows that he can do for the tottering Sunbeam Corporation what he did for the narcoleptic Scott Paper Company. But he prefers a metaphor of renewal, not destruction, to describe his method. "I'll hit it with a defibrillator," he Said on a recent afternoon. "That'll make it revive."

Skeptics, however, question whether Sunbeam's pulse can be jump-started. They wonder whether Mr. Dunlap knows the small-appliance and bouseware business the way he understood the paper business, where, when a young man, he toiled on the late shift. And they speculate that he is dressing up the company for a quick sale rather than trying to build Sunbeam's long-term

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Some investors and analysts question whether Sunbeam employees, who know all too well the modus operandi of this celebrity downsizer, will rally around a leader who dismissed 11,200 Scott employees, or 20 percent of the work force, including 50 percent of all managers and 71 percent of the corporate staff.

Others ask whether Mr. Dunlap will be distracted from his legendary focus on corporate restructuring by the national tour of his "how-to"book-cum-autobiography, Business: How I Save Bad Companies and Make Good Companies Great," to be published next month by Times Books/Random House.

Moreover, investors are asking whether his presence justified the astounding \$521 million increase in Sunbeam's roughly \$1 billion market capitalization on the day after Mr. Dunlap was named the company's chairman and chief executive. The 52 percent stock run-up was one of the biggest gains prompted by a chief-executive announcement for a single trading session in New York Stock Exchange history.

And now, with the stock at \$19.50. up from \$12.25 the day before Mr. Dunlap's appointment on July 18, some fund managers ask whether: Sunbeam can even realize the 59 perceot premium the market has already awarded the company for doing little more than hiring Mr. Dunlap, much less get its stock price even higher. Or would investors be wise to cash in their profits and not hold out for further miracles?

Wall Street is sending mixed signals in answer to that question. Some analysts who have been burned by Sunbeam over the last six quarters as its earnings fell repeatedly short of their estimates are giving Mr.

Dunlap the benefit of the doubt. Su- chael Jordan in basketball and lyst at the NatWest Securities Corporation, recommended that investors buy into Sunbeam in the mid-\$18 range and continue to use "any price weakness as an opportunity to aggressively purchase the stock." She is predicting a stock price of \$23 to \$26 a year from now.

Other analysts are more skeptical. Connie Maneaty of Bear, Stearns & Company, for example, said Mr. Dunlap "has a pretty good chance of success if he has the right strategy." but added: "We are waiting to hear what that strategy is going to be." More disturbing to Sunbeam's backers is that those on Wall Street who look for corporate weakness apparently think they have spotted some. The number of Sunbeam shares sold short by investors betting on a slide in the stock price, and not yet repurchased by them, doubled in July from June to 513,000, the most since August 1995

"I usually bet against braggadocio," said a manager of a hedge fund who has shorted Sunbeam and who spoke on condition of anonymity. "The stock price gives him credit for lot of things that are going to happen in the future.

The manager contended that the company's fundamentals were questionable, that sales of home appliances had been slowing and that many of Sunbeam's products sold with the inconsistency of laddish clothing. "It's a \$22 stock at best," he said, "but only if everything works out for Dunlap.

Mr. Dunlap sat restlessly in his office, which is nearly devoid of decoration, and listened to a summary of the criticism. He fixed his steely blue eyes on a visitor, then smiled. "For years I thought this compa-

ny's name was 'Troubled Sunbeam," he said, "because that's what it was called every place you'd read. My intention is to get 'Troubled' out of the Sunbeam name."

To Mr. Dunlap, Sunbeam "is a classic Dunlap-type company that has lost its way." But compared with his previous turnarounds, "this one is so high-profile, and the stakes are much higher" sald the stocky, silverhaired Mr. Dunlap, who still looks every Inch the West Point-trained former paratrooper who has dropped into eight companies to raise them from the dead. But this lime, he said, his reputation for repairing companies has raised the stakes for him persocally...

"People are banking on me. Literally. I mean, just about everyone I know has bought stock in the company," he said. "I'll have to move to Siberia if I don't come through."

does fail, it won't be for a lack of self-confidence. Mr. Dunlap described his stewardship of Scott as "the most successful turnaround in the shortest time in the history of corporate America." In his forthcoming book, he boasts: "I'm a superstar in my field, much like MiBruce Springsteen in rock 'n' roll."

Indeed, the incorrigible Mr. Dunlap even used the occasion of his first Sunbeam conference call with financial analysts last month to mention that they might want to buy his \$18 book "so you can get insights into how I run a company.'

The title of his book is a pun, and Mr. Dunlap surely does mean business at Sunbeam. Although Mr. Dunlap has spent only 15 working days at the company he already has jettisoned the company's chief operating and financial officers as well as its directors of consumer products and strategic planning, hired key managers, put the A-team of consultants from Coopers & Lybrand to work studying Sunbeam's nooks and crannies and persuaded the company's seven board members to accept a stock-only compensation package (a change he also introduced at Scott).

At the very least, analysts expect this burst of activity to belp him get profits up quickly. After revising downward their consensus estimate for 1996 earnings to 33 cents a share from 60 cents, they foresee a big jump in 1997: 75 cents to \$1.25.

Mr. Dunlap contends that in its business fundamentals, "Sunbeam isn't significantly different than other companies I've turned around."

The analysis can be forgiven for being a bit perplexed over how Mr. Dunlap will work his magic. In the highly competitive world of housewares and outdoor furnishings, many of Sunbeam's products have cyclical sales and fragmented market share. In addition, the company has been turned around once before, only to founder again. Once the cynosure of Allegheny International, the conglomerate that went into Chapter 11 in 1988 in part because of its chief executive's lavish tastes, Sunbeam was profitably restructured by the investment banker Paul B. Kazarian. The revamping was bankrolled by the investment-fund managers Michael F. Price and Michael H. Steinhardt, who still own 43 percent of the stock and cootrol two seats on the board.

Mr. Kazarian, who was widely credited with engineering the company's growth from bankruptcy to \$120 million in profits in 1992, was ousted in a messy battle in which company officials contended he was erratic and Irrational, and Mr. Kazarian contended he was the victim of a smear campaign to cut him out of money he was owed. After seven months, Roger Mapke, a veteran of the Geoeral Electric Company, was hired. After 18 months, Sunbeam's earnings began falling like a brick.

Paradoxically, Sunbeam's great strength is also a weakness: It speclalizes in products that many people need but few get excited about. In 1995, more than half its revenue came from the sale in North America of household products like mix-



Mr. Dunlap does not preclude a sale of Sunbeam

ers, blenders, food processors, toasters, can openers and coffee makers. The company is No. 1 in electric blankets - hardly one of the most vibrant categories of consumer

spending - and No. 2 in bath sales, a retail segment that includes bumble closet-shelf commodities like heating pads, massagers, vaporizers, humidifiers, electric hair clippers and irons. It will be Mr. Dunlap's task to weed out the low-margin items, sell more of the high-margin ones and find new products that will grab the fancy of fickle consumers.

What's more, the company deals with a lot of tough retail customers that are not above demanding concessions when It suits them. In 1995 the company's largest customer was Wal-Mart, which accounted for 19 percent of sales; Sunbeam also sold to Kmart; Target Stores; Sears, Roebuck; Home Depot; Price/ Costco, and Sam's Club.

But Wal-Mart and Kmart "are adding new vendors in some categories" that Sunbeam specializes in, sald Andrew Shore of Paine Webber. "Sunbeam has fierce competitors." They include Hamilton Beach/ Procter-Silex, Cuisinart, Kitchen Aid, Braun and Black & Decker.

In the small-electric category, the company's forte, "there are too many brands," Ms. Maneaty of Bear Stearns said, "and the brands don't space." In the outdoor furniture and gas-grill business, she added, increased competition has squeezed profit margins.

According to analysts and former Sunbeam executives, the company is losing market share in its gas-grill and furniture lines.

Mr. Dunlap is putting together a team that promises to focus on getting the product mix right. His first hire, Russell A. Kersh, 42, a financial whiz whom Mr. Dunlap has brought in to help engineer his turnarounds for the last 15 years, preaches the precedence of profit margins over market share. P. Newtoo White, 53, the company's new executive vice president for worldwide consumer products and a Dunlap discovery at Scott, has vowed to put "every brand and product category at Sunbeam through a life-and-death trial."

What all that means, according to Scott Graham, a securities analyst with Oppenheimer & Company, is that low-margin products like steam irons are likely to be jettisoned by Mr. Dunlap in favor of moneymakers like food processors, mixers and blenders sold under the Sunbeam and Oster brands. Other candidates for the scrapheap, in the view of NatWest's Ms. Gallagher, are can openers, vaporizers, humldifiers. bathroom scales and some of the outdoor furniture lines.

Elinor Mutascio, a spokeswoman for Hamilton Beach/Procter Silex Inc., said, "It's going to take Mr. Dunlap a lot of time, thought, effort and preparation to do the things he says, if he wants to do them right." In a recent study by Appliance Magazine, Hamilton Beach was judged me market leader in the 27-segment kitchen category.

Sunbeam's cheery but nondescript Fort Lauderdale beadquarters, with 60 staff members crammed into one and a half floors of the Sun-Sentinel building, is a far cry from the excesses Mr. Dunlap found at Scott Paper's 55-acre office park in Philadelphia, with its bloated staff and its company pond stocked with compa-

But if the national headquarters is not a prime target for "headcount reductions," the human-resources euphemism for layoffs, the compaoy's regional operations are, Mr. Dunlap said. "We have headquarters all over the place and each has a duplicate staff," he said.

In his book, he uses the term "to Dunlap" as a buzzword for taking companies from the brink and turning them around. To victims of his layoffs and plant closings who accuse him of cold-heartedness, he has a ready answer. As "a oothing kid from the slums of Hoboken" who after fulfilling his Army obligation began his business career on "the third shift at a diriy, smelly paper mill," he says, he is no stranger to hardship. The memory of his own struggles makes him only too aware of the deep human cost of cutting thousands of workers and ending corporate contributions to charities, he says, adding that he always acts in the interest of saving the remaining jobs at the companies he "Dun-

Be that as it may, "Chain Saw" is just one title out of a grab bag of doomsday aliases the press has awarded him over the years, including "Rambo in Pinstripes," "The Sbredder," "The Terminator" and "Darth Vader."

Mr. Dunlap began getting these nicknames in the 1980's in England, while turning around Crown Zellerbach and Diamond International for Sir James Goldsmith, the British-French financier. Then Mr. Dunlap restructured units of Consolidated Press Holdings, the Australian media company controlled by Kerry Packer. Scott Paper was next, but few ordinary investors had heard of him by then, in contrast to his recent gunslinger's entrance through the doors of the Sunbeam saloon.

"That 'Shredder' and 'Terminator' garbage," he said, "it's just wrong. I build companies." He was sitting in his new office, previously occupied by Mr. Schipke, the Sunbeam chief executive who resigned last April after surly first-quarter results. Still missing from the desk and walls were the collection of brass predators that Mr. Dunlap has so lovingly amassed. He pointed to a blank spot on the wall of his office suite. "There were file cabinets over there," be said, with a smile. "I had them thrown away. There was nothing in them. The company had absolutely no strategy."

He said his strategy was simple, and listed the principles he has employed in each company he has entered. "I'll fix the cost structure, I'll develop a great management team - the Dream Team for Sunbeam - and hold everyone accountable, including myself," he said. 'Next, we'll come up with a business plan. That's the kind of strategy that builds sbarebolder value."

lf Mr. Dunlap's answer was vague on specifics, it was probably because the nus and bolts of his strategy depend on the answers he gets from the Coopers & Lybrand team, as well as the assessment of bis consumerproducts and research and development managers. Investors, analysts and investment bankers are all eager to know the details of the grand new strategy for Sunbeam.

Nobody ever seemed to be able to figure out what his predecessor's strategy was. Perhaps the board should have replaced Mr. Schipke sooner, sald Charles Thayer, a Sunbeam director brought in by Mr. Kazarian, but "we did act."

"We wanted a very strong leader." Mr. Thayer said.

Mr. Dunlap's initial contact with the board was through Korn/Ferry International, an executive recruiting firm.

Mr. Dunlap made some very strong compensation demands. He asked for a salary of \$1 million a year with no bonuses and no pension. He insisted on buying \$3 million vorus of stock, wanted to receive 2.5 million options at \$12.25 a share, and asked for an additional one million sbares of restricted stock "so if Sunbeam does well, I do well," he said. On paper, the package is already worth in excess of \$38 million.

Mr. Dunlap was, as one board member put it, "expensive," but the plummet of the stock from \$20 only a few months ago to \$12.25 on the day before Mr. Dunlap was coronated less thao the 1992 initial public offering price of \$12.50 - galvanized the board into accepting his terms.

Mr. Dunlap acknowledged that he had less time to study Sunbeam than Scott. When he took the Sunbeam job, he had just finished working on his book and was recuperating from a prostate operation ("completely successful," he said). 'I might bave had more time to

kick the tires, but my team is al-ready working on this," he said. Indeed, by the first Friday of Mr. Dunlap's reign, C. Don Burnett, a senior pariner at Coopers & Lybrand, Mr. Dunlap's cost-cutting Yoda of downsizings, flew back from Australia to unleasb his consulting team. Mr. Dunlap said Sunbeam had

"too many people, too many products, too many facilities and too many headquarters." In 1995, Sunbeam had 42 facilities, including warehouses, manufacturing and distribution sites and 10 purely administrative headquarters.

But what if, after Mr. Burnett's due diligence, the company turns out to be worse off than he imagined? Every company you come to is worse than you thought" Mr. Dunlap said. "We're used to that."

He added, "And then, a year from now, after we turn Sunbeam around, they're going to say, 'Dunlap got lucky again, it was all in place, anyone could have done it."

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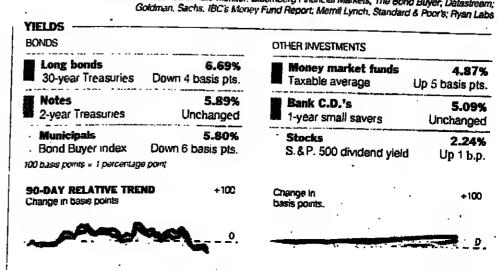
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### Mr. Dole's Newest Beginning

Boh Dole files to California today to accept the Republican Party's Presidential nomination. Like generations of Americans before him, he heads West in search of a new start.

Mr. Dole will be arriving in San Diego with Jack Kemp, his surprise choice as a running mate. Mr. Kemp's presence is a sign of both the Dole campaign's new hope and its previous desperation. Mr. Dole acted boldly in picking a Vice-Presidential nominee who both outshines him on the stump and irritates him in private. But it is unlikely he would have done it unless he believed his chances of winning the November election were slipping out of his reach.

Mr. Dole has spent months campaigning as the presumptive G.O.P. nominee, to little reward. In critical states like Michigan and California, his repeated visits have actually left him less popular with the voters than before he arrived. On the stump, his speeches were disjointed. He seemed incapable of explaining why he was running for President, and when he was asked the question on the Larry King show, his wife, Elizabeth, jumped in and answered for him.

Now, he has an opportunity to put all that behind him. Despite Mr. Dole's 35 years in Congress, his previous runs for President and what already seems like an endless campaign this year, voters are still relatively unfamiliar with his background. They may have heard the stories about the injuries he suffered in World War II, hut many do not realize the extent of his disability, or the hattle he fought to overcome it. The public knows that he was a Senate leader, but probably not that he had been a strong supporter of civil rights legislation, or that he put patriotism ahead of politics to support Mr. Clinton's Bosnia plan.

This week Mr. Dole will have a chance to connect with all the voters who have been determinedly ignoring political news so far this year. One of his higgest problems has been his lack of appeal for women. That is the reason Representative Susan Molinari of Staten Island, a young, pro-choice working mother, will be the keynote speaker at the Republican convention. Mr. Dole's supporters are

also hoping that the convention will allow the nation to see that the Republican candidate is married to a strong, independent career woman and that he counts a number of women among his top campaign

That will be news to many voters. Still, it may not be enough to bridge the gender gap. Polls suggest that women have been gravitating toward the Democratic Party because of their concern over cuthacks in government services. The man most identified with those cuts, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, has a convection role at least as important as Ms. Molinari's.

Given the makeup of his convention, Mr. Dole will have a hard time reassuring voters, particularly women, that he is not beyond reasonable boundaries on social issues. The addition of Mr. Kemp will soften the party's image on racial and immigration matters. So far, Mr. Dole has succeeded in his plan to keep Pat Buchanan out of the public eye during the convention, but he was unable to produce a party platform with an abortion plank that emphasized tolerance of different opinions.

The higgest challenge facing Mr. Dole this week is to answer that pesky question about why he wants to be President. His advisers believe they cleared it up with his calculating call for a 15 percent tax cut last week. But Mr. Dole is a historical deficit hawk, with a longstanding contempt for politicians who call for tax cuts without explaining where they will cut the hudget to make up the lost revenue. Last week Mr. Dole became what he has always disdained. Perhaps enthusiastic crowds will allow him to continue selling an economic theory that he has long doubted. Perhaps the addition of Mr. Kemp, who really does believe in the Dole tax-cut plan, will help. But Mr. Dole's own history as a campaigner suggests that he is not very convincing as a panderer.

The convention will mark the third time Mr. Dole has introduced himself to the public during this election. The first, when he announced his candidacy, and the second, when he resigned from the Senate, began with some promise and then fizzled out. He cannot afford any more false starts.

### Gains and Frustrations in Mexico

President Ernesto Zedillo is making Impressive progress in his effort to clean up Mexico's fraud-prone electoral system. His Government has been less successful in unraveling a political assassination case and a financial scandal that may involve misconduct at the highest levels of Mexican

politics. Prodded hy Mr. Zedillo, Mexico's Congress recently approved a package of constitutional amendments endorsed by all the country's major parties that should finally make elections credibly independent of ruling party control. Along with assuring independent supervision of the voting process, the reforms introduce public financing of campaigns and court review of electoral disputes. They also provide for electing the mayor of Mexico City, making that post the country's second most powerful electoral office.

The new rules will apply at the state as well as the federal level and will be in effect in time for next year's midterm elections, which will choose the Mexico City mayor, six new governors and a new national Congress. These reform measures should give opposition candidates a fair chance in the presidential elections due in the year 2000.

But if Mr. Zedillo is to sustain public confidence in his Government until that date, he must credibly address the scandals he has inherited from his predecessor, Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

The man Mr. Salinas originally chose to run as his successor, Luis Donaldo Colosio, was murdered

on the campaign trall in 1994. The Salinas administration attributed the killing to a lone deranged gunman with no political motive, Mario Ahurto. Mr. Ahurto is now serving a 45-year sentence. The Zedillo Government challenged that account, alleging a conspiracy implicating low-level officials of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI. A court has now thrown out the case against the Government's chief suspect, citing a lack of credible evidence. Mr. Zedillo should resist pressure within the ruling party to dismiss his chief prosecutor or quickly wind up the case.

The second test of Mr. Zedillo's fortitude involves the financial dealings of Raul Salinas, the former President's brother. Raul Salinas, who faces murder charges in another political assassination case, was found earlier this year to have secreted more than \$100 million in Swiss bank accounts.

One crucial question is whether Raul Salinas corruptly influenced any of the multi-billion dollar privatization deals that took place during his brother's administration. Influential figures in the ruling party are urging that the investigations be curbed. Mr. Zedillo should insist that the inquiries proceed, making clear that Mexico's corrosive tradition of impunity for the well-connected has ended.

It is clear that Mr. Zedillo wants to create a more accountable political system. To do so, he will have to overcome powerful forces within his own party that are determined to resist accountability and the rule of law.

### The Warning in Kerri Strug's Heroics

The memory that imgers from the Atlanta Olympics is the sight of tiny Kerri Strug vaulting on her hadly sprained ankle to clinch a gold medal for the American women's gymnastics team. The feat evoked testimonials to her guts and team spirit. But it was a reminder, too, of the physical damage this sport can inflict on the immature bodies of its teen-

age competitors. The very week that Ms. Strug was performing her heroics. The New England Journal of Medicine published a sobering article documenting just how great the damage to young gymnasts can be. Two American female gymnasts of Olympic caliber have died over the past five years from medical problems related to their sport. One suffered from spinal trauma due to a vaulting injury, the other from anorexia nervosa, an eating disorder.

Most elite gymnasts suffer some form of injury during childhood or adolescence, ranging from minor sprains to repeated fractures, premature osteoporosis and even spinal deformities. A training grind of more than 18 hours a week before and during puberty - routine for any Olympian - can stunt growth and prevent attainment of full adult height. Kerri Strug's grit in jumping through pain may have been justified by the high stakes and limited nature of her injury, hut in many cases the pressure to perform before injuries have healed can lead to severe chronic pain affecting an entire arm or leg. Beyond such physical trauma lie a host of social and psychological problems caused by inordinate, single-minded devotion to this isolating sport

Even so, it is not hard to see why so many young girls subject themselves to it. Many would-be champions sat starry-eyed in front of their television sets as Ms. Strug confided that her highest amhition was to serve as a role model for others. Who would not aspire to be the next darling of the nation? But the price of entering the race for such glory is near total commitment starting as early as age 9 or 10. Some gymnasts leave home before the age of 12 to train with demanding coaches. Their parents, sometimes seduced by Olympic dreams and the possibility of lucrative commercial opportunities, may push their

That is not all to the bad. Competitive gymnastics can have some very positive influences on the youngsters, promoting self-confidence and teaching them the value of hard work, discipline and the meaning of excellence as they strive to compete at the very highest levels of human endeavor. The commitment required of the youngsters, though arduous, is in many ways comparable to that demanded of child prodigies in music or other endeayors. But the difference in gymnastics is the danger of physical harm to young and growing bodies.

All those who push these youngsters toward the spotlight must remember that a brief moment of Olympic glory - much less a fizzled dream of reaching the Olympics - is not worth a lifetime of pain or psychological damage.

### When Welfare Cases Land on State Playing Fields

To the Editor:

The inaccurate assumptions and misguided conclusions that form the basis of the applause from Mayor Steve Goldsmith of Indianapolis for the dismantling of the Federal welfare system (Op-Ed, Aug. 4) provide a trightening glimpse of the tuture tacing low-income tamilies who must now rely on the states' administration of programs that will replace Aid to Families With Dependent Chil-

In arguing that Indiana's current system undermines family cohesiveness, Mr. Goldsmith wrongly claims that Indiana residents cannot receive A.F.D.C. unless they are unmarried and/or in a different home

both married parents and young parents living with their own families can receive benefits to help support their children. And contrary to Mr. Goldsmith's assertion, Indiana mothers receiving welfare benefits can receive a portion of the child support collected from their children's fa-

In arguing that private charities can now replace a so-called government monopoly on the business of belping people, Mr. Goldsmith ignores the fact that the charities now doing the most for people in his community, including Catholic Charines U.S.A. and the Salvation Army, have begged Congress and the President

from their extended family. In fact, not to abandon the 60-year Federal safety net and have insisted that they and other private charities will be unable to mend the holes in that safety net once it is shredded.

Mr. Goldsmith's conclusion that greater "flexibility" and local autonomy will allow cities and other local government bodles to be more effective at reducing poverty is belied by the fact that his main prescriptions for reducing the welfare rolls do not address the Ills of his own community's low-income population. For example, he places great emphasis on finding people jobs, but Indianapolis boasts of an economy where lowwage jobs often go wanting.

It appears that while recent legislation may have finally concluded the treatment of low-income families as political footballs at the national level, those families have been punted to the electoral playing fields of FRAN QUIGLEY

Indianapolis, Aug. 4, 1996 The writer is a professor of law at Indiana University.

#### America Begins to Face Its Atomic Past

To the Editor:

As Philip Taubman makes clear in America's Atomic History" (Editorial Notebook, Aug. 4), America after 51 years still refuses to face squarely the atomic bombings of Japan. Hiroshima remains a raw nerve. But we see encouraging signs.

Last year at the 50th anniversary an unprecedented public discussion of virtually all aspects of Hiroshima took place. That debate was often confused and unenlightening, but many new questions and doubts were aired. The censorship of the Enola Gay exhibit at the Smithsonian, which Mr. Taubman rightly condemns, was so blatant that it seemed to release a rush of critical energy, not just from outraged scholars and activists but from the news media, and for the first time a wide range of opinion about Hiroshima was prominently displayed.

An equally hopeful sign was a new opinion poll, which suggested that fully half of all Americans now believe that President Truman should have sought alternatives to dropping the bomb. This reveals that one result of the Smithsonian debacle, and the flood of 50th-anniversary coverage, was to deepen doubts about the official Hiroshima narrative among ordinary Americans.

No country ever fully confronts its past. This is certainly true in regard to the Japanese and their atrocities

In Mostar Election,

No Serb Assurances

It is hopeful that Mostar's Croats

have agreed to honor election results

that give the Muslims a slight major-

ity in this divided Bosnian city (news

article, Aug. 7). But your article

overlooks the fact that Mostar's pre-

war population of 126,000 was 20 per-

cent Serblan and that they were driv-

Although the European Union

commission approved voting booths

for Croat and Muslim refugees in

Europe and Bosnia, no such facilities

were made available to Serblan refu-

gees from Mostar. Muslims were

hussed to Mostar for the election, but

the NATO commander in the region

provided no assurances to Serbs who

You compound the confusion in

noting that "the two sides now have

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lum into North Philadelphian and

South Philadelphian. The subtle vari-

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than between English in Texas and

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STEVEN MAJSTOROVIC

Pittsburgh, Aug. 7, 1996

the east side in ... Bosnian."

en out more than three years ago.

To the Editor:

wanted to vote.



during World War II. But contrary to Mr. Taubman's report, the Hiroshima Peace Museum now includes an extensive display on Japanese mili-

tarism and aggression. There has been a similar shift, limited but significant, in American consciousness toward Hiroshima and its meanings. Despite the inevitable return to husiness as usual. Americans will no longer resist Hiroshima truths as persistently as be-ROBERT JAY LIFTON

GREG MITCHELL Nyack, N.Y., Aug. 4, 1996 The writers are the outhors of "Hiroshima in America.

#### P.C. in Seattle

To the Editor: Maureen Dowd, in her Aug. 8 column on Seattle ("Jackboots in Sandals"), is right. I moved here from New York 20 years ago and t've been miserable ever since. I mean way miserable! Let's leave the rain out. Everyone knows by now that there are less than 10 sun breaks in a year here. What Ms. Dowd has put her tinger on is the unspeakable granola goody-goodiness of our lives.

Take me, a typical New Yorker until 1975. I took a subway to work, I smoked, drank hard liquor daily, ate meat, you know ... I was alive. I don't want to catalogue my slide into the politically correct nightmare that is my life now. I leave to your imagination the weight I've lost from riding a hike in the rain, how loog since I've had a martini.

It's too late for me, but not for the people who are contemplating throwing away their lives. Thanks to Ms. Dowd for exposing the organic underbelly of the "good life" in FREO WARDENBURG Seattle. Seattle, Aug. 8, 1996

#### Gay Marriage May Find Religious Sanction

To the Editor:

Re "Jack and Boh, Going to the

Chapel" (Op-Ed, Aug. 7): In seeking formal recognition of their unions, gay men and lesblans are neither rejecting nor, ignoring

traditional spiritual ideals. Many of us enter into a marital commitment with our partners because of a deeply felt appreciation of our spiritual experience and rell-

glous traditions . ine idea or more mainstream churches and synagogues celebrating wedding rituals for same-sex couples may be dis-

G.O.P. Convention Spirit

To the Editor:

The best evidence of America's decline is a quote by Paul J. Manatort, Boh Dole's convention manager (front page, Aug. 8): "If there are any political issues, which there won't be in this convention. . . . "

Thus, the candidates themselves have eschewed the value upon which our nation was founded: the free exchange of political speech to

achieve the ends of self-government. Why look to the evils of the news media, the welfare system or the lack of lamily values for the cause of our social malaise, when our leaders stand belore us void of the American spirit? THERESA CARON

New York, Aug. 9, 1996

tressing for those who see themselves as defenders of the traditional marriage.

But it is historically and theologically appropriate for religious congregations to approach this emergent neality in a manner that is decidedly different from other civil in-

stitutions. Many communities of faith embrace, at least in principle, the idea that they must both preserve the tradition they have received and understand how that tradition is to be brought to life in the present-

day experience of their members. The press for a re-visioning of assumptions about human sexuality comes from within these communities: from women and men who know that they do not reject a fundamental part of themselves in their efforts to achieve some measure of wholeness and holiness.

Our religious traditions can take much of the credit for informing our understanding of the sacredness of the marriage covenant, though this understanding has unfolded throughout history.

A fundamentally moral appreciation of same-sex marriage may yet emerge from the dialogue within the spiritual traditions, surprising more than a few of us who thought that the issue had been settled long JOSEPH G. SCHALLER ago. Philadelphia, Aug. 8, 1996

#### Let English-Only Bill Spell Bilingual Education's Demise

To the Editor:

versity.

Re Richard Grayson's Aug. 6 letter 'Bilingual Americans Serve Global Markets," attacking the House bill that would make English the official language of the United States:

When t was 12, my parents decided to start anew in the United States. From the proceeds of the sale of almost everything we owned in our oative country, my father paid the down payment and a month's rent for a one-bedroom apartment in a crime-infested New York City neighborhood. I was enrolled in a bilingual program in an inner-city public

Ten years later, what am I doing? Am t in jail? Selling drugs? Working for McDonald's? The answer is none of the above. I recently graduated summa cum laude from Hunter College and will be entering Columbia University's School of Law this fall. I owe my current situation to a lot of factors, but bilingual education is not

Fortunately for me, after two futile years in the junior high school bilingual program, I was erroneously

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placed in a regular class in high school where, like many Immigrants before me, I felt compelled to learn English in order to be part of the ingroup. When I was in the bilingual program, I felt no need to learn English because I could speak Spanish with most of my teachers, my classmates, my tamily, my neighbors and the bodega merchant.

In his letter, Mr. Grayson states that "there is no danger of Americans being segregated into linguistic ghettos." Either he is deluding himself or he has never visited a racial or ethnic neighborhood. His statement is the equivalent of saying that there is no such thing as a Chinatown or a Washington Helghts. Linguistic

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ghettos are not a possibility; they are a reality. They perpetuate the concentric, non-English-speaking worlds many immigrants live in.

Mr. Grayson further argues that second-generation Americans will reach adulthood unable to communicate eflectively in any language other than English, and so there is no need to emphasize English as the official language of this country. However, I don't believe that secondgeneration Americans have ever been the tocus of this controversy. The focus has been on people who, like me. came to this country already comfortable speaking their native language and don't feel compelled to learn English.

I hope the House hill is a prelude to the reform, if not the end, of bilingual education. MICHAEL REYES Bronx, Aug. 7, 1996

#### Weight Lifters Only

To the Editor:

Re Dave Anderson's Aug. 6 column ("The Olympics Won't Return to U.S. Soon"), in which he suggests "Throw out synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics":

I agree. Any event that requires a combination of form, stamina, grit and grace such that women are better at it than men should be eliminated from the Games. It's too embarrassing. Give me weight litting any

LARRY SNOWMAN Liverpool, N.Y., Aug. 6, 1996



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### Let's Have Conventions With Cliffhangers

By Michael R. Beschloss

WASHINGTON or most of the American past, national political conventions were genuine pivot points. History was altered time and again because one candidate's army was craftier than another's in the back rooms or on the areoa floor.

Had Abraham Lincoln failed to unhorse the far less vislonary Republican front-runner, William H. Seward, on the third ballot, in Chicago in 1860, the Civil War might have ended differently.

At the 1932 Democratic Convention, bad William Randolph Hearst not thrown his support on the fourth ballot to Franklin Roosevelt, the President who dealt with the Depression and Hitler would have been either Al Smith or John Nance Garner.

Compare these with the events about to unfold in San Diego and Chicago. In our contemporary process dominated by Presidential primaries. delegates still brawl over platform issues like abortion, just as they ooce did over slavery, Prohibitioo, civil rights and Vietnam. And a nomination contest can still be so close that when a convention opens no one can be absolutely certain whom the nomioee will be (remember Gerald Ford vs. Ronald Reagan in 1976?).

But since 1952, wheo Adlai Stevenson belatedly bowed to a draft movement, oo Presideotial nomination has gone beyond the first ballot. The freeze-dried conventions of our time serve mainly to ratify the nomination of a candidate selected five months earlier by a few hundred thousand primary voters, many of whom knew little about the candidate that did not come from TV commercials. Looking back, one finds three events mainly responsible for the fact that modern conventions are now more media events than political events.

 Woodrow Wilson's demand for a national primary. In 1913, the new President asked Congress for a nationwide vote to choose party nominees "without the intervention of nominating conventions." By then, 13 states were already offering some kind of primary. The surprising part of Wilson's appeal was that it violated his well-known championship of representative democracy - the idea that men and women in government or politics bad something to contrib-

ute that the average voter did not. • The 1968 Democratic National Convention. What most Americans noticed about Chicago at the time was the televised carnage around the Conrad Hilton Hotel when the police erupted against antiwar demonstrators and innocent bystanders. But we can now see that other events were of more lasting importance. The convention showed that although Robert Kennedy won every primary he entered, save Oregon, he still would have been stymied, had he lived, in the nominee. But that is exactly what winning the nomination. The prize went easily to Hubert Humphrey, who had stayed out of the primaries.

Even the antiwar plank presented by Kennedy's supporters was rejected. Insurgent Democrats considered these results an insult to democracy, especially when they realized that about a third of the delegates had been chosen by local party organizations before the primaries had even begun. After Humphrey's defeat by Rich-

#### No smoke-filled rooms but maybe an exploding cigar.

ard Nixon, George McGovern, a great admirer of Woodrow Wilson's, chaired a party commission to correct the defects of 1968. Today, Mr. McGovern insists that his reforms were not intended to hand voters in the primaries so much power to select happened in both parties, as Republicans followed the Democrats' lead.

 Television. Conventions provide a superb example of the principle that a television camera changes the nature of what it covers. When Eisenhower was recominated in San Francisco in 1956, the first unchallenged nomination of the television age, Republicans created the model for modern conventions - short speeches, lavish use of visual aids, conflict hidden from cameras, ostentatious displays of unity.

By 1972, the Republican convention was as canned as a sitcom - as one reporter discovered when he fell upon a copy of the minute-by-minute script for Nixon's re-coronation, complete with stage directions for applause.

That same summer, Democratic disarray over Senator McGovern's comination produced the anti-model for convention planners. Humphrey would not leave the race until midway through the convection, and puckish delegates cast votes for Mao Zedong, Mickey Mouse and Walter Cronkite as Vice President, These antics so delayed Mr. McGovern's acceptance speech that it aired in

prime time only in Guam.

With the San Diego and Chicago conventions promising to win awards for artificiality, perhaps this is the moment to consider what we have lost. Almost no one wants to go back to crass horse-trading in smoke-filled rooms, but we should pooder how the modern nominating process has robbed us of the strengths of the old convention system.

Officeholders and party leaders who have long served alongside a poteotial nominee know things about a candidate that a casual voter in New Hampshire cannot. Especially in an era in which we worry about the impact of personal character on leadership, why minimize the influence of the very people who have seen that character revealed closeup year in and year out?

A truly hybrid system of state and local caucuses, primaries and conventions, yielding a large number of unpledged delegates, would do a better job of weeding out candidates and naming a nominee,

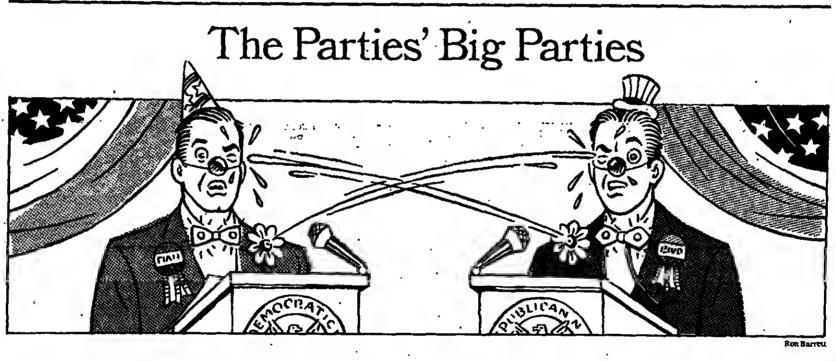
Ross Perot and Steve Forbes, while honorable figures, show us the dangers of a front-loaded primary system in the television age. In the future, some little-known plutocrat could buy up the airwaves for himself in the months before the lowa caucus and New Hampshire primary, zoom to the top of the polls and lock up the nomination before we discover, too late, that be is not the person we thought he was.

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A hybrid system would allow Americans to decide on their nominees more deliberatively, and with better information. Delegates in San Diego and Chicago this month know things that voters in New Hampshire did not know in February. Many would not have imagined last winter that Bob Dole would continue to show vexing limitations as a campaigner or that Bill Clinton would shatter the Democratic tradition of supporting welfare.

In the current system, delegates' hands are tied. Under an open convention process, they could register their anger by voting on the floor for someone else. There is nothing undemocratic about that. The three major networks might even want to cover it.

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#### Why Republicans Will Have More Fun Why Democrats Will Have More Fun

#### By Doug Gamble

10. Al Gore not there.

9. Pat Buchanan wall-building bee at San Diego-Mexico border.

8. "I brake for Ken Starr" bumper stickers. 7. Free autographed copies of Bob Dole's boyhood bandshake with Presi-

dent Lincoln. 6. Speeches last no longer than Bill Clinton's stand on an issue.

5. Geritol spritzers. 4. G.O.P. guidelines for partying include "tolerance" clause.

3. Raiph Reed turns water into wine.

2. Don Imus named entertainment coordinator.

1. Three words: Craig Livingstone piñatas.

#### By Mark Katz

10. Members of 1968 Chicago police force are retired and living in San Diego.

Wednesday is "Subpoena Night" at local Bennigan's.

8. No passed-over Midwestern governors sulking in the ball.

7. Demonstrating party unity, Bill Clinton dives into mosh pit.

& Gender gap is disaster for G.O.P. Convention Dinner Dance. 5. Al Gore: human limbo stick.

4. Reports of life on Mars re-energize Jerry Brown supporters.

3. G.O.P. concession to Pat Buchanan: ban the Macarena, popular Latino line

2. Let's face it: Bob Dole is not 72 anymore.

1. Even if Democrats don't have more fun, the press will report that we did.

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### Life on Mars? So What?

#### By Stephen Jay Gould

he textbooks of my youth designated our current epoch as the Age of Man. Current linguistic preferences favor an Age of Mammals. More generous people, with fewer parochial inclinations, often choose to honor a truly dominant multicellular group of more than a million described species (compared with a paltry 4,000 for mammals): the Age of Insects. But all these proposals represent little more than multicellular prejudice. We are now, as our planet has been for 3.5 billion years, in an Age of Bacteria.

These simplest of single-celled organisms dominate nearly all environments, exceed all other living things in range of habitats and biochemical tolerances, and may even outweigh all other living creatures. The number of E. coli celis in the gut of each person exceeds the number of human beings who have ever lived.

Bacterial life arose on earth al-

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most as soon as environmental conditions permitted. The earth's crust solidified from a molten state about 3.9 billion years ago; unambiguous fossils of bacterial life appear in the oldest rocks that could contain evideoce for them, dating from 3.5 to 3.6 billion years ago. We can only infer from this rapidity that it is not 'difficult" for life of bacterial grade to evolve on planets with appropriate conditions. The origin of life may be a virtually automatic consequence of carbon chemistry and the physics of self-organizing systems - given favorable environments and requisite inorganic constituents.

We have known for many years that Mars, during its early history, maintained appropriate conditions, as best indicated by abundant geological evidence for running water. So if bacterial life arose so quickly on earth, and if Mars once possessed similarly favorable conditions, then we should also anticipate the evolution of some form of life at bacterial grade on Mars as well. With luck, evidence of such life might be pre-

served as fossils in Martian rocks. This line of argument has been common among paleontologists for many years. Therefore, f am delighted beyond measure, but not surprised, by the report of such fossil

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evidence just presented to an astounded world. Noting this discrepancy in reaction between me and most of thee, I must ask why some folks seem to think that a standard expectation of paleootologists now represents the greatest scientific revolution since Copernicus or Darf'm not trying to be grumpy or

dyspeptic. Although I am not astonished, i couldn't be more pleased.

#### In any case, we are still 'alone.'

Scleoce, after all, rests on factual documentation, not clever conjecture. A real Martian fossil would be a pearl beyond price, the lock on the case for life's universal generality (unless adjacent planets in our solar system can "seed" each other by the kind of meteoritic transfer that brought the Martian rock to earth). A hypothetical argument for the probable existence of Martian fossils, however, is scarcely worth the effort of an E-mail message

Moreover, and obviously, we are not limited to the few Martian meteorites that luckily hit our planet. We can go to Mars for a truly systematic fossil hunt. The only real impediments lie in realms of politics and human will .Two reasons underlie my quieter

form of satisfaction:

First, I am not sure that the claim for Martian life is correct (and neither are the claimants, who show admirable caution in their forthcoming article). The meteorite is about 45 billion years old. The putative fossil evidence occurs on surfaces of cracks within the rock. The authors provide good arguments for claiming that the cracks formed and filled about 3.6 billion years ago, when Mars bad running water. But cracks are more problematical than rock interiors for identifying the sources of materials.

The evidence for life is chemical and inferential, not "solid" like an unambiguous bone or shell. The authors found organic chemicals and mineral precipitates associated with globules that may have been formed, in part, by organic activity. The globules themselves are not fossils. On the surfaces of the globules, they found "ovold and elongated forms" that look somewhat like the tiniest of bacteria.

Three alternative interpretations exist: the evidence originated oo Mars by inorganic processes; the evidence is organic but was introduced by earthly organisms after the meteorite hit Antarctica; the evidence is organic, but due to laboratory contamination. The authors considered all these possibilities and present strong arguments, but not proof, for their view of formation by ancient Martian organisms.

Second, a universe of conceptual difference separates bacteria from "little green men." We have good reason to think that life in its least complex form represents a fully predictable extension of ordinary chemistry and physics, given planets with appropriate conditions. Complex, self-conscious life arises by the starkly different route of unrepeatable and utterly unpredictable historical happenstance. On earth only one fragile species in 3.5 billion years has evolved such mental power - and no general trends in this direction can be discerned on a planet still in the Age of Bacteria, and so thoroughly dominated by insects among the multicellular components.

Martian life provides a first evidentiary step toward universalizing the Age of Bacteria; humans remain as gloriously accidental as ever.

Liberties MAUREEN DOWD

### Whatever And Wow!

Everyone knows that Bob Dole is going to lunge for Jack Kemp's throat. The only question is whether it will take weeks, days or hours.

"These guys have been fire and ice forever," says Ed Rollins, Mr. Kemp's adviser in the '88 Presidential race.

"They've fought like cats and dogs the past," agrees Bill Bennett, Mr. Kemp's empowermentor. "But Madison and Jefferson disagreed, too."

"I think of Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker, father and son," chimes in Jude Wanniski, Mr. Kemp's supply sidekick.

Jack Freoch Kemp is a sweet guy. But you couldn't imagine more excruciating company for poor Bob Dole. He will be a constant irritant, nipping at Mr. Dole's beels, getting on his last nerve, prattling on about the gold standard, enterprise zones, flat taxes,

von Hayek and Malthusian theory. You can just picture the two men

#### A jersey with No. 2.

trapped in a Winnebago touring the heartland, trying to imitate the socko Bill-and-Al road show. Mr. Dole glaring at Mr. Kemp's big old helmet hair, as the Vice-Presidential candidate burbles on in his high-pitched voice for the third consecutive hour. 'And another little known fact about Bretton Woods that I'm oot sure you quite grasp yet, Bob ...

The peppy, Jack-in-the-box qualities that are supposed to offset Mr. Dole's dry, sparse style — the Kem-pian chattiness, ebullience, sentimentality, pie-in-the-sky visions and zest for self-promotion - are the very qualitles that will drive Mr. Dole absolutely batty.

"It's only f2 weeks and they'll have two airplanes," Mr. Rollins says hopefully. But even this good friend of Mr. Kemp's describes him as "a total pain", Impossible to discipline."

We are talking here about a 61year-old man whose favorite words He saw "Les Mis" three times and still gets misty about Jean Valjean's sad fate for stealing a loaf of bread. (Mr. Dole probably thought Jean Valjean should bave gotten more time.) Taking his cue from the fact that he and his wife, Joanne, have "J" names, he gave all four of his children names that began with "J."

"Once we started with J's," he explained to me ooce, "the last two kids would have felt like oddballs if we'd named them Margaret and Pete."

As HUD Secretary, Mr. Kemp was dismissed as the "class clown" of the Bush Cabinet because of his annoying habit of smirking, rolling his eyes, squirming in his seat and coughing nervously when he was kept from weighing in on subjects he was not involved in, like foreign affairs and economics. Once, he and Secretary of State James Baker had to be separated outside the Oval Office after Mr. Baker blew up at Mr. Kemp's insistent advice about the Soviet Union.

When Gerald Ford called President Bush in July '92 to suggest that Dan Quayle be replaced, Mr. Bush told aides: "I could never take Kemp. Can you imagine how out-ofcontrol he'd be?"

Mr. Dole always considered Mr. Kemp a pretty boy who devalued ideas, and Mr. Kemp always considered Mr. Dole a fuddy-duddy wbo resisted new ideas. During the '88 primary, Mr. Dole joked that the former phys.-ed major and Buffalo Bills quarterback should aim for football commissioner.

Mr. Kemp's talent to annoy was on display in the Republican primaries, when he endorsed Steve Forbes too late to help Mr. Forbes but not too late to anger Mr. Dole.

"ft's only a question of when the first Bob Novak column appears that says, 'Sources within the Dole campaign say that Dole is oot taking Jack Kemp's wise advice,' " says Bill Kristol, the editor of The Weekly Standard. "If they win, Dole will waste oo time saying that enterprise zones are being launched in Buenos Aires, and it's really important that Vice President Kemp should go there indefinitely."

Mr. Wanniski says the key is a prenuptial agreement that puts Mr. Kemp at the center of the campaign. "if Dole says, 'I'll take out the garbage if you wash the dishes,' they'll get along fine. It's not a love match. lt's a marriage of convenience."

Another pal says he cautioned Mr. Kemp in terms be could appreciate: "I told him 'Bob Dole is the captain of the team and the quarterback' and he said 'f uoderstand,' and f told bim 'Jack, this is the time for team play,' and he said 'I understand'"

But you know he will be antsy on the back bench and will want to throw deep with the ball f give it about three weeks before Bob Dole leaves him on the tarmac with his bags.

# Rene Russo: Always the Girlfriend, Never the Moll

By JILL GERSTON

LOS ANGELES kind of star lopes into a restaurant like the Ivy totally unnoticed, pronounces a no-status "perfect," devours a grilled swordfish sandwich and salad instead of just picking at the arugula and hoots with laughter when she announces that her next co-star, following in the macho tracks of Clint, Mel and Kevin, is a gorilla.

"I guess I've exhausted all the males in the industry," Rene Russo roars, her blue eyes glistening as sbe describes her role as an eccentric animal lover in the film "Buddy." which begins filming later this

As Hollywood stars go, Ms. Russo is pretty low maintenance - no shricking for script revisions, flattering camera angles or bottles of Evian with which to shampoo her honey-blond hair. Perhaps that's one reason she's in such demand on hightestosterone movie sets dominated by powerful male egos.

Typically, while filming "Tin Cup," the romantic golf comedy that opens on Friday, Ms. Russo rarely bothered to look in a mirror, according to a person who was involved in making the film, while her co-stars, Kevin Costner and Don Johnson, preened shamelessly.

"She is that rarity of rarities: an unvain beautiful woman," said Ron Shelton, the director of "Tin Cup."

To be sure, it was Ms. Russo's stunning looks rather than a Meryl Streeplan acting range that brought her to Hollywood's attention. A former Vogue cover girl with killer cheekbones and endless legs, Ms. Russo is a dame, the sort of woman who can smoke a stogie and highfive the electricians before heading home to cook dinner for her busband the screenwriter Dan Gilroy, and their 2-year-old daughter, Rose. A combination of glamourpuss, den mother and smart cookle, she has a knack for disarmament that belongs

"I've liked all my leading men, but if I had one that I didn't, believe me, I'm going to pretend that I do," she says. "If someone needs to be tiptoed around, if they need a little more attention, it's fine by me."

at a peace negotiation.

At 42, an age when most former models are grateful to be doing info-

thrillers. In the last five years, she bas held her own playing a feisty, karate-chopping police detective opposite Mel Glbson in "Lethal Weapon 3," a wry, self-assured Secret Service agent teamed with Clint Eastwood in "In the Line of Fire," a dedicated physician tracking a dead-

Rene Russo has long played the foil for top male actors. Now she's shedding

that image.

ly virus with Dustin Hoffman in 'Outbreak" and a B-movie queen wbo specializes in screaming and who beguiles John Travolta in "Get

Io "Tin Cup," Ms. Russo sheds her familiar strong, capable screen persona to tackle the part of Molly, a slightly daffy psychologist who is caught between arcbrival golfers, played by Mr. Costner and Mr. Johnson. It is a role that Todd McCarthy, writing in Weekly Variety, compares unfavorably to Susan Sarandon's star-making turn in Mr. Shelton's 1988 baseball romance "Bull Durham." Terrence Rafferty, writing in The New Yorker, on the other hand, said Ms. Russo is "terrific" as the

"sanest character" in "Tin Cup." "I've played all these confident, together, get-the-job-done women. but Molly's really the closest to me," Ms. Russo says, "She's searching. One minute she's strong and the next sbe doesn't know what the heck she's

Mr. Shelton describes the actress as someone "who doesn't realize how good she is."

"She'll be a nervous wreck right up to the word 'action!,' and then she's completely confident and in charge," he says. "She has a gift for comedy that heretofore she hasn't gotten to run with because directors were always trying to get her to be the strong one. I got her to trust her daffiness.

When it comes to choosing screen roles, Ms. Russo is anything but a ditz. Except for a few early, uneven

mercials, Ms. Russo has forged a films — "Major League," "Mr. Des-flourishing career in sexy parts with top male actors in successful action jack" — the actress has been in a series of high-grossing hits. Her next movie, due in November, is "Ransom," a thriller reuniting the actress with Mr. Gibson; they play a rich couple whose son has been kidnapped.

Rene hasn't done anything this visceral, raw and dramatic before," says Ron Howard, the director of "Ransom." "It's a further example of her range and how quickly she's evolving as an actress."

Ms. Russo (who looks as if she is in her late 30's) turns out to be the perfect foil for anyone from a crinkled Clint Eastwood to a bovish John Travolta. Yet critics have been quick to point out that she has reaped her success by playing "girlfriend"

'I want to answer them by saying, Hey, those guys were my boyfriends!" " she counters, sounding indignant. "There is no question I didn't carry those films, but I wish they would look at my work. In my mind, the 'girlfriend' is someone who does nothing but stand at the door and say, 'Hi, darling, welcome home.' Those wereo't my characters."

in fact, Ms. Russo has brought texture and nuance to ber "girlfriend" roles, imbuing her characters with a wry candor and sly humor to make them more than the usual sexy, superficial sidekicks. Writing in The New York Times, Caryn James described the chemistry between Ms. Russo and Mr. Eastwood in "In the Line of Fire" as having a "verbal snap and underlying warmth" that "suggest an updated Tracy-Hepburn movie."
(Though it's doubtful Katharine Hepburn will be remembered for her kick boxing skills.)

In "Buddy," the movie about to begin shooting, Ms. Russo finally gets the opportunity to spread her wings as the star. An offbeat comedy, the story is based on the life of Gertrude Lintz, a wealthy Brooklynite who raised exotic animals in the 1920's and 30's. Ms. Russo heads a cast that includes several chimpanzees, a gorilla, wild birds, horses and the British actor Robble Coltrane, who plays her husband.

"It's Rene's movie," says Caroline Thompson, the writer and director of "Buddy." "There was no other choice. And the chimps adore her." At lunch, Ms. Russo, who is



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Rene Russo-She doesn't shriek for script revisions.

dressed simply in tight beige jeans and a skinny black top, never flicks back her hair with her fingers in that offhand "look at me" way that many models and actresses do so well. Nor does she glance around the room, hoping to be recognized.

"She's very un-self-involved," Ms. Thompson says. "The more time I spend with her, the more I like her personally. I would like to have her as a friend, even if I never got to work with her."

Yet despite her breezy candor and affability, there is a wistful, introspective quality about Ms. Russo that is conveyed by the long pauses and rueful sighs that punctuate her conversation. "Melaocholic" is how

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she describes her temperament.

She grew up an insecure, self-conscious loner who lived with her mother and her sister (her father abandoned the family wheo she was 2) in a seedy section of Burbank, Calif. At 10, she developed curvature of the spine and had to wear a body cast for four years.

In the 10th grade, she dropped out of high school, where one of her classmates was Mr. Howard, who was playing Opie on "The Andy Griffith Show" and on whom, she says, she had a crush.

"She dld?" Mr. Howard says, "We sat together in eighth grade, and sometimes I'd slip her an answer on a test. She was tall and gawky, something of a rebel and pretty much an you realize how fleeting all this is.

came up, there would be a pause, because no one could figure her out. She had this sense of mystery even then.

She drifted through a series of dead-end jobs, including one in a factory inspecting eyeglass lenses. An agent spotted her at 17 at a Rolling Stones coocert and started her on a modeling career in New

"I'll never forget walking into Richard Avedon's studio - I had no idea who he was — and bursting into tears because I was terrified," she recalls.

She became one of the world's ton models, reigning for a dozen years before she quit and returned to Los Angeles, where she spent three years studying the Bible and theology, trying to figure out what she wanted to do with her life.

She says she had no burning desire to become an actress. "To me, making a movie seemed like it would be one long, boring Revlon commercial," she says. "But I wasn't getting any modeling work, and I needed to pay the bills.

She landed a role in "Sable," a short-lived television series, before making her movie debut in 1989 in "Major League."" can't say I loved it, but I had a pretty good time," she says. "In fact, I don't think I've ever had the burning passion to acl that some people have. I'm envious of that."

Mr. Howard says that stardom isn't what Mr Russo covets. "I don't think she wants to invest fully in this business," he says. "She works like a demon, gives you 110 percent and doesn't hold back anything. But I have a feeling when she goes home, she can leave it at the office better than most."

Mr. Shelton agrees, observing that Ms. Russo has a "healthy, mature attitude about being an actress."

"She likes the work, she's good at it, it's fun, and she's now being paid a lot," he says. "She was a late bloomer as an actress, so she appreclates the opportunity more than some kid who achieved stardom at the age of

Ms. Russo says her years of modeling prepared her for Hollywood's peaks and valleys. "I remember being 18 and hearing them talk about another model who was 30 as if she were dead," she recalls. "It makes outsider. But whenever guys would And you also realize there are a lot of evaluate the girls and her name things you have no control over."

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## Beckett's Irish Embrace

By ALAN RIDING

DUBLIN AMUEL Beckett spent most of his adult life in Paris. Indeed, when he died on Dec. 22, 1989, the novelist, poet, playwright and Nobel laureate had not visited Dublin, his birthplace, In 2I years. Occasionally, he would reminisce about walking the Dublin mountains with his father. He once asked an Irish friend if Greene's bookshop still stood on Clare Street. He never lost his taste for Irish whisky. But he felt no great yearning to return to his roots. For the relatively few Dubliners who knew his work, he was another home-grown writer who preferred somewhere else to Ireland.

Yet even before his death, a movement to reclaim Beckett for Ireland was stirring here. To mark the writer's 80th birthday in 1986, Eion O'Brien published "The Beckett Country," a book of text and photographs identifying the Irish locations mentioned in Beckett's works. Then, in 1991, the Gate Theater of Dublin organized a three-week festival of Beckett's stage, radio and television plays. And now, as part of the Lincoln Center Festival '96 in New York, the Gate Is once again presenting all 19 of Beckett's stage plays. This festival within a festival opened last month at the John Jay Theater with the landmark "Waiting for Godot."

So is Beckett, who wrote many of his best-known plays in French and is buried beside his French wife. Suzanne, in a Paris cemetery, now to be remembered as an Irishman?

Michael Colgan, the Gate's highvoltage director, looked uncharacteristically uneasy. "A writer as great as Samuel Beckett belongs to the world," he said, as if enunciating an article of faith. "But, yes, this is a sort of reclamation. I don't want to sound jingoistic, but we're putting on the plays with Dublin actors. We're doing them as we understand he wanted them to be performed. And I think we're perhaps redressing some imbalance."

Mr. Colgan, 46, said Beckett himself, shortly before his death at 83. had endorsed the idea of a Dublin festival of his stage works. In 1991, when the city's turn at the rotating title of European Cultural Capital arrived, Mr. Colgan invited several Europeans to join the Irish directors in the Beckett series.

For the Lincoln Center festival, four of the nine directors are not Irish: Walter Asmus, from Germa-

Reclaiming Samuel Beckett

for his homeland.

ny; Karel Reisz, from England; Pierre Chabert, from France, and Antoni Libera, from Poland. In New York, "Godot," "Happy Days,"
"Endgame" and "Krapp's Last Tape" will be performed separately; the remaining plays — the shortest, "Breath," is one minute - will be presented in sets of three.

The Gate has not been alone in promoting Beckett. Long viewed here as important but impenetrable. he now stands alongside Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, W. B. Yeats and George Bernard Shaw in the Irish Literature sections of Dublin bookshops. Trinity College, Dublin, where Beckett studied and taught, has named its drama school after him. Cooldrinagh, the mansion in the affluent Dublin suburb of Foxrock where Beckett was born and brought up, has been recognized as a building of historical interest. Perhaps one day there will be guided bus tours of 'The Beckett Country.'

Yet for Mr. Colgan and many others participating in the Lincoln Center festival, Beckett's most convincing link to treland is found quite simply in the language of his prose, poetry and plays. "Here was a Dublin man writing in our rhythms," Mr. Colgan said. "When Beckett did his French plays in English, he wasn't translating. He was rewriting in another language, in our language. If an English person had done the translations, we would not be interested. There is a difference in the way the Irisb speak and the English speak. A Dubliner has the edge with a Beckett play just as a Londoner would be at an advantage with, say, a Pinter play."

tt can be no coincidence, then, that two of the best-known Beckett actors of the 1950's and 60's - Patrick Magee and Jack MacGowran were Irish. True, it was an actress from the north of England, Billie Whitelaw, who worked most closely with Beckett in the 1970's and 80's. But today it is another Irishman, Barry McGovern, who has inherited the mantle of the Beckett actor. In the New York festival, Mr. McGovern will play Vladimir in "Waiting for Godot," Clov in "Endgame" and Willie in "Happy Days."

"Beckett had an old-fashioned

South Dublin accent," Mr. McGovern said, recalling his six meetings with the author in Paris between 1986 and 1989. "I always felt the syntax and the language of his early plays were very Irish, very Dublin."

In the view of David Kelly, a veteran actor who will appear next weekend in the one-man play, "Krapp's Last Tape," "Waiting for Godot" is particularly Irish, even though it was first written in French. "The whole fabric of the language is Dublin," he said. "In English, it has to be performed with an Irish accent, a Protestant Dublin accent."

Caroline FitzGerald, who will be directing Jane Brennan in "Not I," was less sure. "The rhythms of speech are familiar to us." she said. 'But I don't know if they are trish or French rhythms. The point is that he was so universal.'

Still, to hear Ms. Brennan rehearsing "Not I," in which only her mouth is visible to the audience, or to hear Mr. McGovern, Alan Stanford, Johnny Murphy and Stephen Brennan going over their lines in "Waiting for Godot" is to feel the Irishness of the

Mr. Reisz, the film and stage director who will direct Mr. McGovern and Rosaleen Linehan as Winnie in "Happy Days" on Friday and Saturday, calls this "the music" of Beckett's writing. "The music of the text seems to work extraordinarily well with Irish voices," he said. "His language is both colloquial and sophisticated and at the same time very funny."

Mr. McGovern, who is now 47, first saw "Waiting for Godot" when he was 12 and first played the part of the servant Lucky when he was 23. "I oever had the baggage of some people, that this is depressing, nihilistic, etc," he recalled. "I thought it was very funny but very serious. Beckett described it as a tragicomedy. It was the only play he described."

Ms. FitzGerald, whose own experience with Beckett's plays dates back more than 30 years, said she is always amazed by the humanity of his works. "I don't find them depressing to work on. ' she said during a break in rebearsal of "Not 1." "We all find them inspirational because in the end it's about the triumph of the human spirit." Ms. Brennan, still slightly breathless after running through the one-woman play, added: "This is about feeling and not about understanding every word."

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# Diaspora Jewry to Israel: Don't write us off

At the recent CAJE conference in Jerusalem, Abraham Rabinovich found that contrary to conventional wisdom, Diaspora Jewish identity may not be dying

MID the good cheer and ebullient Yiddishkeit, a disturbing thought stole upon an observer watching the largestever gathering in Israel of Diaspora Jewish educators enjoying a celebratory evening on the Jerusalem promeoade last week.

Were these 1,700 enthusiastic teachers - some of them dancing to Israeli music on the loudspeakers - heralds of the Jewish future or anachronistic survivors of an irretrievably lost

The Jewish education network is a finger in the dike," declared David Harman, director-general of the Joint Authority for Jewisb Zionist Education, which services Diaspora schools around the world. "Education alone can't turn the

The tide he was talking about on the eve of the conference was Jewish identity in the Diaspora, In the US, more Jews die every year than are bom. The intermarriage rate is 52 percent. While 6% of non-Jewish spouses convert to Judaism. 11% of Jews io mixed marriages convert out. No more than 20% of American Jews have ever been to Israel. Only half those children who are born Jewish receive any formal Jewish education - and then, for the most part, only a smattering. Fewer than 100 teachers are produced annually by American Jewish teachers' seminaries.

"One of the biggest problems in the US is that very few kids go on to Jewish secondary schools where one's identity is usually formed," said Harman, whose Jerusalem-based organization cosponsored last week's conference with the American organization CAJE - The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education.

"A family in which Jewisbness plays a small role will send a kid off to three or four years of supplementary school before his bar mitzva as a son of a rite of passage. But if the kid doesn't live in a Jewish environment the chances of his becoming very Jewish are extremely slim."

While the Orthodox community in America is more than holding its own, the bulk of American Jewry is struggling to retain its identity amid the



Gilla Rosen listens to Nadia Natoul as she teaches Islam to a class at the CAJE conference.

(Brian Hendler)

powerful lures of the non-Jewish environment. The struggle, Harman acknowledged, is uphill, "Many communities don't care about Jewish education and just give lip service to it," he said.

The mordant thoughts evoked by the bald statistics were not entirely shared by participants in the conference themselves.

"No, the situation is not desperate," said Benzy Cogen, principal of the Los Angeles Hebrew High School, which has 300 students. "Jewish day schools are growing. Jewish camp-

ing is growing by leaps and bounds. High school education is growing. The quality of programming in many schools is much better than it was five, 10 years ago. Every Jewish adolescent is searching for something in terms of religiousspiritual growth, in terms of ideotity. Every kid is

ripe for growing into a Jew."

But only 10% to 15% of Jewish school-age children in his area receive a serious Jewish education, Cogen acknowledged. Only a third of the 600,000 Jews in Los Angeles are affiliated with a synagogue and only about half of the children of even these affiliated families receive a Jewish

The future? "I think Jewish consciousness will

remain about the same," answers Cogen. "Camps and Sunday schools will remain strong. The people who will get lost will be those who study just for the bar mitzva. What we will bave is a smaller core of more committed Jews. I'm not sure what the ramifications of that are.

A VERY different picture was presented by Jewish educators from the former Communist bloc attending the conference.

"We are at the beginning of a process which is going to see the oumber of children educated in Jewish schools expanding," said Dr. Anna

Szeszler, director of a Jewish school in Budapest which has 600 children from kindergarten through high school.

It is difficult to say how many Jews live to Budapest, she said, because of the loss of Jewish identity over the years and intermarriage. However, the number is expanding. In the six years since the collapse of commuolsm, three Jewish schools have opened in the Hungarian

Many parents who didn't know how to express their Jewishness are beginning to find their own roots," said Szeszler, whose grandparents were killed in Auschwitz. The children are teaching their parents. I see it happening." She does not speak Hebrew, but her children do.

In the countries of the former Soviet Union, notes Harman, close to 100,000 people are involved in Jewish education programs. "There has been an absolute renaissance in Jewish education there. Starting from nothing, there are now 40 day schools, 40 Sunday schools, 250 ulpanim and many summer camps.

Some Jewish communities in other parts of the world have succeeded in retaining a high level of Jewish consciousness, he noted. In Mexico, 85% of the community's youngsters attend Jewish schools through 12th grade and there is relatively little intermarriage. In Australia, the Jewish community is actually growing, thanks to immigration from South Africa, and because 75% of youngsters attend lewish high schools. Elsewhere, Jewish communities are shrinking. The notable exception, of course, is Israel, which is booming demographically and serves as a major communal anchor for world Jewry.

SOME OF the American participants in the conference argued that appearances of assimilation in the largest Diaspora country are deceiving. "I think Jewish consciousness is increasing," said Dr. Barry Lever of Baltimore, a dentist who also teaches Jewish subjects in an afternoon school run by the Conservative movement. "Twenty years ago we didn't have a kosher restaurant in town. Now we have seven."

For many of the youngsters who drop out of Jewish education after their bar mitzva, he said, Jewish consciousness kicks in during their university years when they take Jewish studies courses. Many convens to Judaism have also become active members in the community.

"Orthodox growth is incredible and my own Conservative congregation is growing so fast we can't sell you a membership - there are no seats in the synagogue left.

Whatever is happening, the "pintele yid" [the nucleus of Jewish consciousness] is still there. There is a conscious effort to pass on our tradition. Don't write us off."

### The president's power of pardon

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, before Justices Theodore Orr, Yirchak Zamir, and Dalia Dorner, in the matter of Meir Eindor and The . matter of Meir Eindor and The impression of Alperon's conduct.

Terror Victims Organization, peti- of Palestinian women prisoners as amounting in all to some seven. Thirdly, Leder's first letter did tioners, versus the Israel Government and Minister of Justice. respondents

HE petitioners moved the Supreme Court to set aside State President Ezer Weizmann's decision of July 19, 1996, under section 11(b) of the Basic Law: The President of the State, of 1964, to reduce the life sentence of two women terrorists convicted of murder.

in delivering judgment, the court pointed out that the President had acted on the justice minister's recommendation based upoo the agreement between Israel and the Palestine Authority relating to the release of Palestinian prisoners.

The release, however, had been delayed pending the court's decision. Citing numerous precedents, he court reiterated that the presilent, in exercising his wide discreion relating to the pardon of prismers or the reduction of their senences, was entitled to weigh rounds of state policy. He was jusfied, therefore, in including interlational agreements concerning the elease of prisoners to which it was

party.
The full facts relating to the pris-ners' actions, in all their gravity, ere before the president. At the ame time the minister, in his recmmendation, relied upon the bove agreement under which trael had consented to the release

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between the parties. neia, no fault could be found either with the minister's recommendation or with the presideot's exercise of his discretion. There was, therefore, no basis for the court's inter-

For the above reasons, the petition was dismissed. The petitioners appeared in person, and Malchiel Blass, Senior Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the government and the minister.

The judgment was given oo July

PAROLE BOARD DECISION **SET ASIDE** 

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, before the President Justice Aharon Barak, the Deputy-President Justice Shlomo Levin, and Justice Dalia Dorner, in the matter of The Attorney-General, petitioner, versus Ya' acov Haim Alperon, respondent (H.C.5319/96).

Alperon, aged about 42, has a number of previous conviccions mostly for crimes of violence. He was sentenced to various prison terms, but in most cases the parole board authorized his early release. After each case, however, he returned to a life of crime.

He was last seotenced to various prison terms for serious crimes

years. In all the circumstances, the court board at the Ma'asiyahu prison, second letter of clarification. again authorized his early release, and the attorney general petitioned the court to set that decision aside.

> JUSTICE LEVIN, in delivering judgment, said the board had relied mainly on the following grounds: positive reports of Alperon's conduct in prison, including his contribution to rehabilitating drug addicts: his honest motivation, as it felt, to change his ways; many letters of recommendation including that of Nitzav-Mishneh Rafi Levy, spokesman of the internal security ministry, and two of Tat-Nitzav Leder, head of the police intelligence branch (although it refused to accept an amending letter from Levy which was submitted late); and a los of intelligence material which, it said, did not affect its con-

The court, he said, was conscious of its teodency to limit its interveotion in district court decisions.

In the present case, however, the lack of balance in the board's decision between the factors involved justified the court's imervendon.

Firstly, Alperon's many convictions, and his having brokeo faith with the board more than once in the past, imposed on him a heavy burden to convince it now of his honest intention to mend his ways. Secondly, after the court had

examined the classified material before the board and had received oral explanations, it had, contrary to the board, formed a negative

not support Alperoo's early release On July 21, 1996, the parole and, moreover, he had submitted a routinly, the poard should not

have refused to receive Levy's second letter; the court, with Alperon's consect, bad read it, and it appeared he had written the first letter without having seen the intelligence material submitted to the

In conclusion, Justice Levin held that the board had failed to give proper weight to the heavy burden resting on Alperon of justifying his early release, and its reliance on Levy's first letter and on the intelligence material could not be supported. It should, therefore, have refused the application.

The petition was subsequently allowed, and the board's decision was set aside. Alperon would be entitled to renew his application to the board one year after the board's

Orit Koren, Senior Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the attorney general, and Eli Cohen and Yarom Halevy appeared for

The judgment was given on July 28, 1996.

### Danger in the deep

"N the period since the breakup of the Soviet Union, much information has come to light, some of it shocking and most of it carefully concealed for decades. Such is the news that a sunken

submarine carrying plutoniumladen warheads is lying at the bottom of the sea a few kilometers off the coast of Norway. Recent inspection reveals that the casings of the missiles are seriously eroded and may disintegrate at any moment. Should this happen, the results would be too borrible to

imagine. The entry of plutonium, which is highly soluble in sea water, into the waters of this great and rich fishing area would probably sterilize the entire marine food chain over an area of many hundreds of square kilometers. It would most likely damage a hefty proportion of the world's sea-based food sup-

Plans are under way to try to encase the warheads in a sarcophagus of special concrete that sets underwater. The warheads are too far gone

to risk trying to lift them from the

But even the sarcophagus idea is fraught with problems and one of them is how to get a proper layer of the containment under the crumbling weapons. Marine engineers are still

locked in debate about the advis-

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ability of digging under the missiles or trying to shift them gently onto a prepared concrete floor before enclosure. In any case, the project is going

to cost many millions of dollars and it is the Western nations that as usual, have to foot the bill. I say as usual because at the momeot, vast sums are being spent by international agencies. all funded by the capitalist countries, in order to shore up the crumbling ouclear reactors in the former USSR and its satellite countries before they too go the way of Chemobyl.

Nowhere is the former USSR's respossibility mentioned. Everyone knows that these states are bankrupt. Well, so was Germany at the end of World War Il but as soon as it was on its financial feet the German people got the bill - and a befty bill it rine or the illegal whaling carried out for decades with ships contrived to create a vapor cloud making satellite photos impossi-This ploy, only recently discov-

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Monday, August 12, 1996

### **INOC** strikes oil near Arad

**DAVID HARRIS** 

A NEW flow of oil south of Arad has been discovered, the Israel National Oil Company reported to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

Since the discovery on Friday morning, the company esti-mates the oil has been flowing at a rate of 19 to 20 barrels an

The oil is located in porous sandstone, dating from the Triassic Period, at a depth of some 2,000 meters.

"The question is how many pores there are and how many are concected to each other," National Infrastructure Ministry Director of Petroleum Research Dr. Yechezkel Druckmao said.

This is the second area with oil to be discovered at this drilling site; the first, 50 to 70 meters deeper, produced some 50,000 barrels before the flow ceased earlier this year.

The hope is the old and new finds could be linked, enabling the extraction of larger amounts of oil. Druckman said last night.

Ooce the size and accessibility of the flow is determined, it will oeed to produce some 100,000 barrels before the site becomes cost effective.

INOC managing director Yaron Ran said the oil, which is just the latest find in the Dead Sea area, is of medium quality.

"The oil is deposited in a frac-ture, not in a sea, therefore I would urge oot to get too excit-ed. I am cautiously optimistic,"

The previously discovered oil was not of the best quality, according to Druckman, fetching some \$10 a barrel, compared to the \$20 predicted for the new find.

While current projections suggest the oil can be extracted at 450 barrels a day, Druckman said this could change and more time is needed to see how promising the flow is.

In recent years INOC, has also drilled for oil near mount Arad and in a valley beneath

### Eisenberg pulls out of tender for Poalim **Investment Corp.**

**GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

THE Israel Corporation, the Eisenberg Group's investment company with some 80 subsidiaries, bas decided to pull out of the tender to purchase Bank Hapoalim's stake in the Poalim Investment Corp. holding com-pany, Israel Corp. announced to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

The company refused to give any further details concerning its decision.

Sources at Israel Corp. said the decision was made after one of the contenders, the Dankner Group, last week purchased between 15 percent and 20% of the company's shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, thus increasing its stake to about

"Whoever ends up purchasing Hapoalim's shares will not gain anything, now that Dankner Investments controls most of the stock," he said.

A Bank Hapoalim spokesperson refused to comment on the

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Bank Hapoalim is offering for Investments, in order to reduce its boldings to the company to 25%, the maximum stipulated by the recently redefined Banking Licensing Law, which comes into effect January 1,

The Dankner Group is participating in the tender through its Israel Salt Industries. Several weeks ago, Dankner purchased 10.5% of Poalim Investments for NIS 50 million. The company executed most of its acquisitions on the stock exchange, but some of the transactions took place outside the exchange.

Other contenders participating to the tender for Poalim Investments include the Steinmitz Brothers and the Dovrat Shrem group. Several months ago, the Steinmitz family, a dominant player in the diamond industry, purchased Bank Hapoalim's 29.6% share in Ampal American Israel

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### Africa Israel bids lower than expected

**GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

BIDS submitted yesterday to Bank Leumi for a 25-percent stake in Africa Israel Investments were lower than the bank's original expectations, sources close to the tender said yesterday.

Leurni is compelled to shed that

part of its 50.4% stake in the 62year-old bolding company so as to comply with caps imposed by the recently redefined Banking Law, on the banking sector's non-financial holdings.

The bank refused to give details on the number of groups that sub-mited bids, but sources close to the tender said Bank Leumi expected bids to reach \$250m. -\$225m. while in practice they are lower than \$200m.

As rumors concerning the lower-than-expected bids spread in the financial markets Africa Israel's shares plunged 8% on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

Financial sources claim a group headed by investor Sheldon Adelson and another group headed by investors Moti Zisser and Eitan Wertheimer are among the contenders. At the end of fast week, the Zissar-Wertheimer group reportedly purchased Africa Israel shares worth NIS70

million. A team, comprising the bank's accountant general Dalia Tal and CPA Gad Somekh will complete examioing the proposals "in a few days," the bank said, and conceded that "already now it seems that those are lower than the bank expected to receive."

Although about 10 groups obtained background information on Africa Israel only a few actually submitted bids, mainly because of Bank Leumi's recently

declared intention to

Assicuraziooi Generali, Italy's largest insurer, its excess boldings in Leumi Insurance Holdings, which is parent company to Israel's leading insurer Migdal, for NIS1.2m.

That deal's execution is subject to the carrying out of a spin-off of Leumi Insurance Holdings from Africa Istael. Now, in light of the low bids. Bank Leumi is expected to go ahead with the spin-off and sell Africa Israel without Migdal.

Sources in the financial industry believe most directors in both Bank Leumi and Africa Israel favor the spin-off, which they contend will reap higher profits for the bank and government. In the past, Africa Israel general manager Shlomo Grofman ex pressed fears that the proposed spicoff is likely to make potential investors balk from participating in the leader for Africa Israel.



Movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger holds up a machine gun, a piece of memorabilia from his latest movie, 'Eraser' which he brought to a Prague promotion for the Planet Hollywood restaurant which will open next year.

### Beilin: JNF, ILA should merge

LABOR MK Yossi Beilin called yesterday for the merging and privatization of the activities of the Jewish National Fund and the Israel Lands Administration.

According to the proposal, personnel of the joint body would be

slashed to 100 people.
"The area of lands [management] must be privatized," said Beilin. "Things that were okay for 100 years ago are not appropriate today. There is no need for the JNF to exist separately." Most of the JNF's work is contracted out,

and this could easily be done with-



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in the private sector, he said. As for the ILA, it is far too large and must be streamlined, according to Beilin, who believes it too could be privatized at some point after his proposed reforms. The Jewish National Fund,

which is a part of the World Zionist Organization, employs 1,300 people.

JNF chairman Moshe Rivlin yesterday defended the organization's current form.

"In afforestation alone the JNF is responsible for more than a million dunams (250,000 acres) of woodlands. For this alone over 1,000 workers are required.

The work of the JNF is imperative for the future of the state, said Rivlin, "Anyone who tries to harm this partnership [between the JNF and the Jewish people] is undermining the basis and fabric of the relationship between us and the Diaspora." Israel should be talking about the expansion of the JNF

not its break-up, Rivlin added. ILA spokeswoman Einat Bar-Lev said that agency is examining how it can reduce its bureaucracy. However, she refused to discuss staffing levels, saying that is an issue for National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon. Over the last two years, under the banner of its capitalization project, the ILA has been putting more work out to private tender, said Bar-Lev.

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#### **Provident** fund yields down 2% in July

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE large commercial banks' provident funds achieved average negative real yields of about two percent in July, mainly because of last month's slump in the share and bond markets. Bank Hapoalim said the negative returns were mainly influenced by the sharp drop in share prices in July and the depreciation of index-linked bonds.

At the end of last week, the Treasury reported net redemptions from provident reached NIS 943 million, increasing total withdrawals since January to NIS 5.13 billion. Net redemptions in June were NIS 4.19m. The amount is based on figures taken from the

country's large banks. Already in the first week of August, the provident funds received withdrawal orders of about NIS 800 million. Fund holders have until tomorrow, August 13, to give their redemption orders for this month.

Market analysts claim the large amount of withdrawals reflect the public's continued tendency to invest in saving plans and shekel-linked deposits, which offer fixed yields reladvely higher than the provident funds

In July, NIS 832 million was injected into saving plans, increasing the plans' total accumulation since the start of the year to NIS 1.76 billion. Index-linked plans attracted NIS 964m. last month compared with NIS 265m, in June and NIS 192m. in May.
Foreign-currency linked plans

registered withdrawals of NIS 132m. compared with NIS 160m. in June and NIS 280m. in May. Among the large banks' provi-dent funds, Bank Discount's Tamar

fund, was the poorest performer. The fund reported a negative real yield of 2.79% in July and an accuniulated negative real yield of 4.67% since the start of the year. The fund, which is the second largest in the country, manages assets of NtS 10.28b. First International Bank's Meijav

fund was the best performer, with a negative real yield of 1.79%. The fund manages assets of NIS 950m. Since the start of the year the fund has achieved a negative yield of 2.45%.

Bank Hapoalini's Gadish fund, the largest fund in the country, registercil a real negative return of 2.3% last month and an accumulated negative yield of 3.5%. The fund manages assets of NIS 12.77b.

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

BMW eager to set up China joint venture: Germany's BMW is negotiating to set up joint ventures to manufacture cars and motorcycles in China, the Xinhua news agency yesterday quoted a senior company official as saying. "We sincerely hope to be a partner in joint ventures for cars and motorcycles," Xinhua quoted BMW vice-thairman Hopet Taleschik as actions.

chairman Horst Teltschik as saying. With its rapidly developing economy, China bas emerged as the largest potential automobile market in the world, he said, and BMW was interested in long-term cooperation with Chinese automobile and motorcycle manufacturers.

German official calls for spending cuts: An official of German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Free Democratic coalition partners called at the weekend for more spending cuts to meet criteria for Europe's planned currency union (EMU). "We need to agree to another DM 7 billion in savings to prevent next year's deficit from climbing above DM 57b.," Juergen Koppelin a regional FDP leader told mass circu-

lation newspaper Bild am Sonntag.

Koppelin, also a parliamentary budget committee member, said these cuts would translate into additional savings of some 2 percent in all areas of government. The FDP's calls for even greater fiscal austerity come only days after the German cabinet approved Finance Minister Theo Waigel's tough 1997 budget, containing planned spending of DM 440b. and a deficit of DM 56.5b. Both figures are down on those foreseen for 1996 but higher than the initial projector. tions in last year's financial plan.

Florida verdict could spark new assault on tobacco industry: The surprise Florida jury verdict against a cigarette maker in a closely watched lobacco liability case sets no formal legal precedent but may lead to a fresh wave of lawsuits against the industry. Stocks in tobacco companies were rocked late Friday after news of the jury verdict rekindled investor fears that the tobacco industry was vulnerable to huge liability payouts.

But industry analysts said the verdict, while a shock, does not represent a major legal setback for tobacco companies. They said they expected the stocks to rebound.

A Jacksonville, Florida, jury Friday returned a verdict in favor of smoker Grady Carter, who sued tobacco giant Brown & Williamson, alleging he contracted lung cancer from smoking and that he was misled by advertising that led him to believe smoking was safe. Brown & Williamson is a unit of B.A.T Industries Plc.

The six-member jury awarded Carter \$500,000 in damages and awarded his wife \$250,000 in damages.

Scagate sees September computer sector bounce: The global computer industry should begin recovering from its slump next month as demand improves ahead of Christmas and companies start upgrading their network. Alan Shugart, president and chief executive of Seagate Technology Inc of the United States, said yesterday. "I think in the last part of this year, probably from September, the computer industry will pick up very well for a couple of reasons," Shugart told Reuters. "First, you will start seeing orders for personal computers in the September-October time frame related to the Christmas season. Secondly, we are going to see a lot of corporate buying in the December quarter, starting in September."

### Israel Corp. to repurchase Piryon shares

**GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

THE Israel Corp. yesterday offered to repurchase shares in its subsidiary, Piryon Investment Trust Company, at a price 35 percent higher than the shares' price on the last day of trading.

The holding company is proposing to purchase the shares at a price 18.9% higher than the shares' average price during the last six months of trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and 35.2% higher than their prices last Thursday.

During the last six months, the shares' average price was NIS 79.9 for each share with a nominal value of NIS 1. On Thursday, the shares were traded at NIS 70.27 per share.

Israel Corp. currently controls 48.4% of Piryon. Assuming all the parties of interest accept the offer, Israel Corp. will regain all of Piryon's registered share capital. The decision to hold the tender

offer is part of Israel Corp.'s attempts to cut subsidiary companies' losses. During the last two years, Piryon has suffered large losses, mainly due to the slump in the capital market. Founded in 1951. Piryon has

operated in recent years as a hold-

ing company whose assets include H.L. Finance (68.5% share), YLR Capital Markets (33.1%), and Hashka-hon (100%).

Israel Corp. intends to finance the share purchase with its own funds as well as bank credit. Following the repurchase, Israel Corp. intends to delist Piryon's shares from trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and merge the company's activities with its

Piryon's shares are currently held by several bodies. H.L. Finance and Services, a subsidiary of Israel Corp. which controls 1.7% of the registered share capital, has already announced that it will accept the tender offer.

Other parties of interest include Bank Hapoalim's provident funds which own 7.02%; Bank Leumi's provident funds, with 7.55%; and Bank Leumi's mutual funds, whose stake amounts to 6.98%. Other shareholders include for-

eign-based Toroscal S.A., with 3.51% of the shares, and Gad Apalbaum, general manager of Piryon, with 0.03%. The remaining shares are held by the public. The parties of interest have until August 29 to accept the offer.

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#### **Precious** metals ture of the state futures close lower

COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

word the state of PRECIOUS metals futures closed mostly lower on Friday as silver led the complex lower. Despute with looked like a promising price move earlier in the week for gold, and over the last several weeks for silver over the last several weeks for silver and platinum, the metals complex has not been able to elear initial resistance.

Gold received a boost last Monday as mining companies, and then other companies, covered their forward hedges. However, that also has weighed on the market as position buybacks are future forward sales. Sources said that trading activity was also affected by the expiration of gold and silver options.

December gold closed down \$1.10 at \$393.30. September silver closed down 5.8 cents at \$5.040. October platinum closed down \$2 at \$404.20. September palladium closed up 20 cents at \$130.90.

High grade copper futures closed to the upside Friday as a sizable increase in London Metal Exchange (LME) warehouse stocks was not enough to send copper lower. Apparently the market decided that the actual stocks figures weren't as bad as the fears about the stocks. Copper futures closed lower on Thursday as sources reported that the market was growing concerned about Friday's stock figures.

LME stocks have posted a steady increase during the last two weeks. COMEX September copper futures closed up 60 basis points at \$0.9210.

Soy complex futures closed higher after a late session rally hurded the market to new weekly highs, with November soybeans in a "fast" trade near the close. Sources noted commercial buying helped to start the rally and fund buying eventually

kicked in for the soybeans. The November soybean futures contract closed up 6-3/4 at \$7.64. Late strength in the soybeans helped the grains sustain a small rally at the close after a quiet day of mostly proposal outright but has insisted on position-squaring. Sources noted bilateral talks with Washington, saythe grains sustain a small rally at the mostly fund buying in late trade, although they said it was on light volume.

### Turkey seeking \$870m. food deal with Iraq

BAGHDAD (Reuter) - Turkey is trying to secure food sale contracts for all the \$870 mil
Iraq has been under strict trade same this lion Iraq has allocated for buying foodstuffs under its oil-for-food plan agreed with the United Nations, a Turkish businessman said yesterday.

A delegation of 27 Turkish husinessmen is holding talks in Baghdad over trade deals under the plan allowing Iraq to sell \$2 billion worth of oil over six months to buy food and

Ahmet Kusculu, member of the Executive Board of Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, said Turkey was ready to meet Iraq's entire food needs under the plan for which Baghdad has

SEOUL (Reuter) - South Korea will

take part in North Korea's ambitious

project to attract Western capital but

until Pyongyang signals a rap-prochement, Seoul officials said yes-

list of about 50 companies that

would attend an international semi-

nar in reclusive North Korea on a

special economic zone in the Rajin-

sized companies which are willing

and are capable of starting business

in the North but most 'chaebol' groups are not included," a senior

government official said referring to

sincerity towards the South before

any major investments can take

Pyongyang, which still maintains a policy of self-reliance, or "Juche",

despite its desperate economie

plight, has designated Rajin-

Sonbong on the northeastern tip of

the Korean peninsula as a free trade

The official said signs of sincerity

and good faith could include ending

verbal assaults on South Korean

President Kim Young-sam, accept-

mg a proposal for four-nation peace

talks, or simply allowing Seoul and

Washington to brief Pyongyang

Bill Clinton asked North Korea and

China to join their nations to work

out a peace treaty to replace an

armistice that ended the 1950-53

ing South Korea is not party to the

In April. Kim and US President

jointly on the peace offer.

place," he told Reuters.

zone for foreigners.

North Korea will have to show

top South Korean conglomerates.

They will be mainly medium-

avoid large-scale investments

They said Seoul had drawn up a

allocated \$870m.

Seoul holds back on

investment in N. Korea

armistice agreement.

officials.

But North Korea, in a change in

its stand, has recently sought South Korean participation in the Rajin-

Sonbong project, according to UN

wants investment from us but we

should be convinced that the money

it makes will not be used against us,

an official at the South Korean

Development Organization and the

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Korea's devastated economy cannot

recover using just its own resources

and needs foreign capital and tech-

attracts a significant amount of for-

cign investment, then this could

serve as a stepping stone for over-coming its current hardship," said Jo

Dong-ho, a fellow at the Korea

nies hold the key to the success of

the Rajin-Sonbong project as Western nations would be reluctant

to commit investment unless South

Korea leads the way," he said. Ian Davies, a UN adviser on the

Rajin-Sonbong project, supported

Jo's argument, saying the two

Koreas could benefit from "natural

complementarity" of Southern tech-

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September 13-15.

The North now openly says it

Iraq has been under strict trade sanctions since it invaded Kuwait six years ago this month.

Under the plan, fraq would be left with \$1.135b. after paying reparations for invasion victims and other UN costs. The money will be spent under UN supervision. A UN committee approved procedures for implementing the plan last week.

The hulk of the limited Iraqi oil exports is to be shipped through a pipeline to a Turkish terminal on the Mediterranean.

The aim of our visit ... is to supply Iraq with urgent needs like medicine and food products after the operation of the pipeline," Kusculu said of the Turkish team, which followed a "We are trying to export to Iraq [food worth stream of European, Asian and Arah delega-

tions flocking to Baghdad since Iraq accepted

the oil-for-food plan in May.
Turkey has also asked the United Nations for permission to import Iraqi crude oil in return for selling food and medicine to Baghdad apart from the May 20 agreement.

Turkey is keen to have the UN permission to allow it to start trade exchange with Iraq to export food, medicine and other humanitarian needs in return for importing Iraqi crude," Iran's official al-Thawra newspaper yesterday quoted Kusculu as saying.

"Turkish businessmen are coordinating with the Turkish government to raise trade exchange with Iraq to \$1b. until gradually it reaches pretrade sanctions level which was \$2b. a year."

#### China wants more soft loans for western regions

BEIJING - (Reuter) China wants more soft loans from foreign governments to help to develop its remote and backward west and other poverty-stricken areas, a senior foreign trade official said.

To fuel development of China's poor interior, the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation (MOFTEC) may allow Sino-foreign joint ventures easier access to domestic markets and lower the threshold for local approval of foreign-invested projects, ministry officials told yesterday's China Daily Business Weekly.

Soft loans should not be limited to environmental protection projects but could be expanded to encompass agriculture and industry, said one unidentified MOFTEC official.

"In the long run, improved national strength is the fundamental means to care for the environment and we think the destination of soft loans should be extended to cover commercially viable projects," it quoted him as saying.

China has obtained more than \$23 billion in soft government loans since it first applied for such aid in 1980, he

In the first half of this year, 18 foreign governments pledged \$1.4b. in soft loans to China and agreement has been reached on 38 projects involving total financing of \$800 million, the official said without elabo-

However, just 16 percent of all government loans were channeled into poor, inland provinces, he said. Poverty-stricken areas face a

dilemma in applying for such loans because they are refused funds if the projects for which they apply are profitable but face difficulties in repaying commercial loans, the offi-

MOFTEC Vice-Minister Sun Zhenyu has applied to the State Council, or cabinet, for approval to direct more loans from foreign gov-emments and international financial organizations to China's remote and backward interior.

Shortages of capital were hampering development of central and westem China, the MOFTEC official said, adding that soft loans were par-

ticularly suitable. However, he said economic planners in poorer, inland provinces need-

ed to boost their knowledge on implementing soft loans and be bolder in economic development policies. Inland areas often hesitate to apply for soft foreign loans for fear they will be unable to repay.

To try to narrow the gap between China's booming eastern and southem coastal provinces and the struggling west, MOFTEC is preparing to offer investors easier access to domestic markets. For Sino-foreign manufacturers in

central and western China, MOFTEC is flexible on demands to export, the ministry said.

We will not impose export quotas on the companies if they remain selfsufficient in foreign exchange supply," the newspaper quoted Wang Liaoping, deputy diretor general of MOFTEC's foreign investment administration, as saying.

The distances from China's coast

made it difficult for inland companies to ship overseas and would increase their production costs if they were required to export, he said.

MOFTEC had proposed to the State Council to allow inland provinces to approve foreign-invested projects with a capital investment of up to \$30m. At present the provinces can only approve projects of up to \$10m.

### **TASE** stocks fall sharply



TASE stocks fell yesterday, led by Africa-Israel Investments, as withdrawals from provident funds forced fund managers to sell stocks, and even as traders expect a relatively low inflation rate for July.

Also leading stocks lower were Koor Industries Ltd. and Bank Hapoalim, down 2% to 2.8 percent respectively. On the plus side was Piryon-Trust Co. Investment, which jamped 10%, the daily limit, as it reccived a purchase offer at 35% above its market price.

"The CPI should be very low," with estimates of the rise ranging from 0.1% to 0.3%, said Ron Weisherg, broker a Israel Brokerage investments in Tel Aviv.

"When we started seeing the talk about" the CPI. "the market was pretty strong and hullish. Now people are looking further into the future and not seeing anything too bright."

The Two-Sided Index dropped 2.23% o 176.63, while the Maof Index shed 2.42% to 186.25.

The most active stock was Africa-Israel, down 8% on NIS 2.8 million of shares traded. Today was the last day that investors could hid for Bank Leumi's stake in the property developer.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 50 million of Bank Leumi and Africa-Israel.

Monthly inflation might be as much as 1% a month heginning in September for the rest of 1996, Weisberg said. Consumer prices rose 7% in the first half.

Inflation matters to stock investors because faster rises in prices often prompt central banks to raise interest rates to slow the economy. Higher rates boost companies' borrowing eosts, cutting into profits and often into stock prices.

investors also are expecting further demands for withdrawals from the provident funds, which are partly taxexempt retirement accounts for individuals, Weisberg said. The fund managers must sell socks to meet the redemption

demands. And "there's still nothing new in the peace process," he said. The

market is "still in the dark there." "What I can say optimisocally is that prices are ridiculous. They are very low" relative to the companies' actual values," said.

Weisherg echoed analysts who say investors were unaware of the value – NIS 3 billion - that was placed on Africa-Israel's insurance affiliate, Migdal.

The figure arose when an Italian insurer, Assicurazioni Generali SpA, agreed to hoost it's stake in Migdal to 56% from 27%, in a transaction with

### Australia will raise interest rates if budget not approved

THE Australian government threatened yesterday to raise interest rates and cancel election promises if the deficit-slashing budget it will announce on August 20 is not approved.

"If the budget doesn't go through, you won't get another interest rate cut," Treasurer Peter Costello said less than two weeks after the Reserve Bank of Australia implemented a surprise monetary

"In fact, the interest rate cut of 0.5 percent of a couple of weeks ago could well be under threat," Costello told Seven Network tele-

Non-government parties controlling the Senate, the upper house of . parliament, oppose conservative Prime Minister John Howard's plan to cut A\$8 billion (US\$6.2 billion) a year from the budget, bringing it into balance in three years.

The Labor Party, shocked to find itself in opposition after 13 years of power, has said it will block any government measure that it thinks breaks a promise made in the March election. That includes almost any revenue increase, which Labor said would hreak Howard's promise not to raise

But such obstruction could make the government rethink other election promises, Costello said.

The money to fund those schemes will obviously come from savings in other areas," he said. Now, if they want to knock off the savings, how can you go ahead with the exciting new policies?"

Past borrowing now costs Canberra A\$10 hillion a year in interest - more than two percent of gross domestie product - and con-tributed to a budget deficit for the fiscal year to June of A\$10 billion (excluding asset sales and the like).

Economic growth should reduce that deficit in the next few years. But the government says cuts are needed to stop the government from borrowing, which would encourage private investment and lower interest rates.

When the Reserve Bank dropped... overnight cash rates to 7.0 percent from 7.5 percent on July 31, Costello claimed the monetary easing was a downpayment on his hudget strategy. Budget cuts lead to rate cuts, he argued. But the budget cuts also have aroused hostility, even before they have been fully detailed.

Australia got a taste of government plans on Friday when Education Minister Amanda Vanstone announced cuts to university funding and increases in student fees.

The universities said they would have to turn away some students and that teaching standards would

The Labor Party said the increased student charges would create a U.S.-stylc system in which ehildren from poor families would have trouble gaining an education.

So Labor will oppose the changes, Opposition Leader Kim Beazley says.

But the government has a pow-erful constitutional weapon against Labor and the minor parties. Repeated obstruction of House of Representatives bills gives Howard the right to force the Senate to an early election.

If Howard wins the election —
and he is far ahead of Labor in

opinion polls - he could call a joint sitting of the two houses to debate the rejected bills. In that case the far more numerous lower house would prevail, finally imposing its will on the Senate.

(Reuter)

### Seven Indian Ocean states mull economic bloc

MUSCAT (Reuter) - Oman's Foreign Minister Yussef Bincommerce minister said in remarks published yesterday that Oman and six other countries bordering the Indian Ocean would meet in September to discuss final details for setting up an economic

Commerce and Industry Minister Makboul Bin-Ali Bin-Sultan told the Oman newspaper al-Watan that Oman, Kenya, Australia, Singapore, India, Mauritus and South Africa would meet in Mauritius soon and announce the bloc's formation.

"The current era is an era of blocs, especially economic ones," Bin-Sultan said. "The sultanate and a number of countries on the Indian Ocean intend to set up a new economic bloc, which will be announced soon."

He said the bloc could be extended to other countries, iocluding Yemen and Malaysia, when the time is right. Al-Watan said a recent visit to

Alawi to discuss details for setting up the bloc would be followed soon by a visit to the other Indian Ocean countries. Bin-Sultan said economic coop-

eration between the seven states would be in stages, starting with tourism and trade and developing into "a full economic bloc" to include investment and joint pro-

Oman, a small oil producer, is trying to diversify its economy and encourage foreign and private investment

It is part of the Gulf Cooperation Council, which includes Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates,

Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait. Economic integration in the GCC has been slow, with divergent tariffs and inter-GCC trade low compared to its members' external trade.

Bin-Sultan said Oman's membership in the new economic bloc would serve as a connection between the two groups. Mauritius and India by Oman

#### Oatar invites bids to expand refinery

DOHA (Reuter) - Qatar has invited hids to boost its sole oil refinery's capacity in order to increase exports of oil products on the regional market, a senior official said on Saturday.

"Nine major engineering groups have been invited to hid for a \$400 million project to increase the Umm Said refinery's capacity to 80,000 harrels a day," said a Qatari official at Qatar General

exported to neighboring states. We see the demand in the regional market, including Iraq

Even if we produce 200,000

bpd, I am sure there is a market for it in the region," he said. The official predicted that Iraq and Iran may not be able to add to their refining capacity for the next

Qatar, a small OPEC producer, which turned into an exporter of

oil companies operating from Bahrain. The Qatari lead-free gasoline attracts a dollar premium

The proposed expansion envisages utilization of condensates produced at the time of gas production at the North Field - the world's largest single offshore gas field - to produce refined prod-

The companies invited to offer bids are Japan Gasoline Company, Japan's Chiyoda Corp., US companies Brown and Root, Bechtel, Foster Wheeler and ABB Lummus Global, Fluor Daniel of Canada, Italy's Snamprogetti and France's

cial proposals along with their

Petroleum Corporation.

Qatar produces 62,000 barrels per day (bpd) of lead-free gasoline, diesel, kerosene and aviation fuel. More than two-thirds are

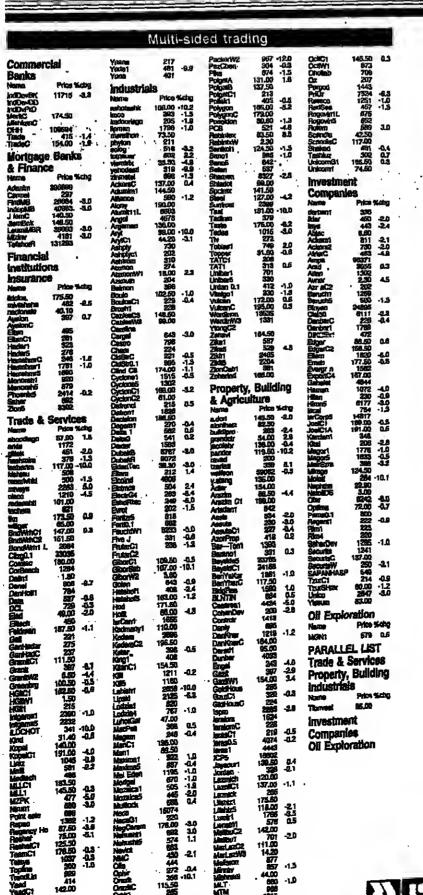
and Iran, growing rapidly, while refining is not keeping pace with the growing demand," the official

few years because of international sanctions and financial limita-"Jordan and Syria may also be potential markets." the official

refined products from a net importer in 1982, sells about

44,000 bpd of oil products. Most are bought by international over average Gulf product prices.

Officials said the companies have been asked to submit finan-



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### Manchester Utd whips Newcastle in Charity Shield match

WEMBLEY, England (AP) - Eric Cantona returned to his bad old weys yesterday when the French forward spoiled Manchester United's 4-0 Charity Shield victory over big rival Newcastle with an angry flareup at Wemhley.

The volatile Frenchman, seemingly reformed after his eightmonth suspension for kicking a soccer fan, grabbed opponent Philippe Albert by the shirt collar in the 62nd minute and threw the startled Belgian to the ground early in the second half.

Seconds earlier, Albert had been involved in an exchange of words with Manchester United defender Gary Neville and Cantona, as team captain, decided to inter-

The Manchester fans held their breath as referee Paul Durkin called Cantona to him and were relieved to see the yellow card

It was the one sour incident for the Frenchman, who fired his team ahead in the 24th minute, played a part in Nicky Butt's goal five minutes later and also set up the third for David Beckham in the 86th.

Roy Keane completed Newcastle's misery with a fourth in the 88th and Cantona went up to collect the Charity Shield trophy after an eventful curtain-raiser to the English season, which begins officially next weekend.

The Newcastle fans were hoping for a spectacular first big performance from Alan Shearer, who transferred to the Magpies last week in a world record £15 million from Blackburn,

Shearer, top scorer in the European Championship,



NO BUTTS ABOUT IT -- Manchester United's Nicky Butts (c) celebrates with Ryan Giggs (I) and Paul Scholes after scoring during the Charity Shield match at Wembly yesterday.

volleyed wide in injury time but had little chance to shine as Manchester United, which won both the league and FA Cup titles last season, took control against the league runner up.

Newcastle fielded its full range of stars, including Albert, Colombian forward Faustino Asprilla and David Ginola of France.

The Reds started with last season's team and introduced its imported newcomers, Dutchman Jordi Cruyff and Euro 96 finalist Karel Poborsky of the Czech Republic, during the game.

Poborsky and Cruyff, who was

Johan, made minor contributions while Cantona again was the driving force and inspiration.

The Frenchman almost fired his team ahead in the 23rd minute when he ran between two defenders onto Ryan Giggs' pass but goalkeeper Pavel Smicek raced off his line to block his shot

A minute later, he hit the target The Frenchman was left completely unmarked when he took Beckham's simple through ball and this time he slid the ball home from 12 yards (meters).

Five minutes later it was 2-0 when Buti scored with a powerful, watched by bis famous father, close range diving header from

Beckham's right wing cross after Cantona had fed his colleague with a back-heeled pass.

Newcastle had a chance to halve the lead four minutes before the interval when Les Ferdinand escaped his markers and fired powerfully goalwards from eight yards. Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel made a spectacular, two-handed blocking save to keep the ball out.

After Cantona's flareup with Albert, there were a few wild challenges in the second half but the the game settled down again and Asprilla forced Schmeichel into another good save.

#### Test heads for draw

LEEDS (Reuter) - The combination of rain and a confident maiden Test century by England left-hander Nick Knight yesterday almost certainly condemned the second Test against Pakistan to a draw.

Heavy morning rain permitted only 15 minutes of play before lunch and returned again shortly after tea to lop a further two hours off the fourth day's play.

But in between, Knight lightened proceedings with an accomplished 113 which included 16 boundaries and came from 176 balls. It enabled England to total 501 in response to Pakistan's 448 but then rain returned to prevent the vistors beginning their second innings.

England began the day on 373 for five and out of danger due to Alec Stewart's fine 170 on Saturday, and Knight's chanceless innings gave them a 53-run first

Knight looked untroubled by: either the pace of Wasim Akram. and Wagar Younis or the spin of Mushtaq Ahmed and enabled England to top 500 in a Test at Headingley for the first time in 29

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire beat

Durham by 88 runs. Warwickshire 187-3 innings closed (S.Pollock 56). Durham 99 in 32.4 overs (G.Small 4-

At Old Trafford: Surrey beat

Lancashire on faster run rate. Surrey

202-7 innings closed (N.Shahid 58).

At Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire match abandoned.

At Taunton: Somerset beat Essex by eight wickets. Essex 148-8 innings closed (R.Irani 58). Somerset 152-2 in

30.5 overs (P.Bowler 68 not out, M.Lathwell 51).

Glamorgan by 60 runs. Leicestershire 218-7 in 35 overs innings closed

At Swansea: Leicestershire beat

Lancashire 128 in 31.3 overs.

### **Brooks leads** PGA C'ship

LOUISVILLE (Reuter) - Mark Brooks birdied three consecutive boles yesterday to take a onestroke lead in the PGA Championship halfway through the final round, scheduled to end

late last night. Brooks, who started the day two shots behind overnight leader Ross Cochran, birdied holes six through eight to make the turn in three under par and stand at 12 under with nine holes to play.

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(B.Smith 80, D.Maddy Glamorgan 158 in 33.5 overs.

At Northampton: Kent beat Northamptonshire by four wickets. Northamptonshire 235-7 innings

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R.Montgomerie 66). Kent 236-6 in 38.4 overs (M.Fleming 72, G.Cowdrey 52 not out; D.Capel 4-44).

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat Middlesex hy nine wickets. Middlesex 137 (C.Cairns 4-22). Nottinghamshire 139-1 in 25.1 overs

At Hove: Sussex beat Derbyshire on higher run rate. Derbyshire 232-5

innings closed (C.Adams 88 not out).

Sussex 200-5 in 33.5 overs (K.Greenfield 60).

(R.Robinsoo 66 not out).

four-way tie at 10 under. The one at the seventh fied him at 11 under with Vijay Singh of Fiji and the one at eight gave him a shot lead over Singh.

Singh, who began the day tied at nine under with Brooks, birdied the second and seventh holes in a flawless front nine at Valhalla Golf Club on a cloudy, windless

Kentuckian Kenny Perry, the first-round leader, and Phil Mickelson, who led the second, were ded at 10 under par as the action moved to Valhalla's treelined back nine.

Four other players were at nine under par in what promised to be a closely contested finale in the season's last major championship.

Cochran, whose 65 on Saturday \* established the competitive record for the 7,144-yard, Jack Nicklausdesigned course, lost his magic touch.

He bogeyed the fifth hole and double bogeyed the par-five seventh to fall to eight under par.

Brooks, who has won two tournaments this year, hirdied the 607yard seventh when his attempt to reach the green in two hit a paved pathway and ended up just off the putting surface.

Tom Watson, who needs to win only this championship to complete a personal grand slam of golf's four major championships, made a strong bid for the lead.

He birdied six of the first 10 holes to reach nine under par, but bogeys at 12 and 13 took the wind out of his sails. He also bogeyed the last for a 69 and sixunder 282.

### Rangers hammer Blue Jays,

TORONTO (AP)- Dean Palmer hit two homers, drove in five runs and scored three times as the Texas Rangers clobbered the Toronto Blue Jays 12-1 on Saturday.

Palmer followed an intentional walk to Will Clark with 8 threerun homer that capped a four-run first inning against Juan Guzman

Palmer doubled and scored in the fifth. He hit his 27th homer, a two-run shot off reliever Scott Brown, for a 10-1 lead in the sev-

.. Darred Oliver (10-5) got off to a slow start, walking three batters in

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the first inning, including Jacob Brumfield with the bases loaded. That was the only run Oliver allowed in seven innings, during which he gave up six bits.

Guzman began the game with a league-leading 2.73 ERA, but was tagged for eight runs and nine hits in five innings. He left with a 3.10 ERA, and the Blue Jays lost for the fifth time in six games. Tigers 13, Yankees 7

Detroit became the first visiting team to win a series at Yankee Stadium in nearly a year, roughing up Jimmy Key,
The Tigers, who beat New York 5-3

Friday night in the opener of the three-game set, scored nine runs off Key (9-9) in 41/3 innings. Key matched his career high for most earned runs Damion Easley, who homered, and Andujar Cedeno each drove in four

SATURDAY'S AL RESULTS: Detroit 13, New York 7 Oakland 5. Cleveland 1 Baltimore 13, Chicago 4 Bostoo 3, Milwankee 2 Kansas City 18, California 3

SUNDAY'S EARLY RESULTS: Texas 6. Toronto 0: New York 12. Detroit 0.

and 10th in 12 games, The last team to win a series at Yankee Stadium was Kansas City, which won a one-game meeting last

Aug. 28.
The last time New York lost a home series longer than one game was from August 10-13, 1995, when Cleveland won three of five. The Yankees had gone 24 straight

series at home without losing one. Athletics 5, Indians 1 Jose Herrera hit a pair of home runs and host Oakland stopped Cleveland's

four-game winning streak. Terry Steinbach added a three-run shot in the fourth ioning, giving Oakland a major league-leading 187

Rookie Willie Adams (1-1) carned his first major league victory. Making his fifth start of the season, he pitched six-plus innings and allowed one run and seven hits. He struck out five and

SATURDAY'S NL RESULTS: Colorado 9, Atlanta 7 (10) Houston 3, Philadelphia 1 Los Angeles 7, Cincinnati 5 San Diego 6, Pittsburgh 2 Florida 9, New York 6 Chicago 3, Montreal 2 St. Louis 7, San Francisco 1

SUNDAY'S EARLY RESULTS: Houston 10, Philadelphia 5; Montreal 4, Chicago 3.

Herrera led off the first inning with his fifth home run. He hit another off Charles Nagy (12-4) in his next at-bat In the third inning.

Herrera had his first career twohomer game. Nagy pitched eight innings and gave up seven hits.

> NATIONAL LEAGUE Rockies 9, Braves 7

Andres Galarrage his his second home run of the game in the 10th inning, sending Colorado to its fourth

straight win.

The Rockles, 20-37 on the road, won their fifth in a row Saturday away from Coors Field. The Braves lost their third straight.

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Cincinnati	56	56	.500	41/2				
Chicago	57	58	.496	5				
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Colorado	81	55	.526	11/2				
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#### SPORTS BRIEFS

SUNDAY LEAGUE CRICKET RESULTS

Israel edges Maylasia in lawn bowls Israel's foursome made an excellent start to the first day's play at the Women's World Bowls Championships in Learnington, England

Israel beat Malaysia 23-22, collections a six on the 20th end, for peels, and then a single on the final head for the one-shot win. Continuing in great form in the second round they accounted for the strong England side 19-15. Merele Swerdlow lost her first round singles 25-12 to Zambia, but complemented the fours win by beating England's Wendy Line 25-12.

Agassi beats Chang in ATP final

Olympic champion Andre Agassi defeated Michael Chang 7-6(7-4), 6-4 yesterday to win the ATP Championship in a repeat of last year's ATP final.

Howard to remain with Bullets

Power forward Juwan Howard, whose deal to jump to the Miami Heat for \$100 million was overturned by the NBA, is officially a member of the Washington Bullets again.

Howard left the Bullets last month to sign with the Heat, but resigned with Wasbington last week after the contract was rejected due to salary cap requirements.

Villeneuve wins Hungarian GP

Canadian Jacques Villeneuve scored his third F-1 victory yesterday when he finished narrowly ahead of Williams teammate Damon Hill in an exciting Hungarian Grand Prix.

The result secured for the Williams team their eighth and recordequaling constructors championship. Michael Schumacher dropped out while running third six laps from the end.

#### **Israelis in debut Paralympics** bowls

be held in the Paralympics which begin on Thursday.

Itzik Baranes, Tami Carmeli and Akiva Farber will be among the 41 athletes that depart today for Atlanta, Baranes and Carmeli will compete in the totally blind category while Farber will be in the wheelchair class,

players are Alec Goldsmith with Baranes, Ivan Israel with Carmeli and Zvi Freeman with Farber.

among the 64 entrants from .14 countries in the Paralympics after making the grade in last year's ing a medal on shot average.

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#### FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* BABE - The title character of Chris Noonan's acclaimed barnyard fable is a roly-poly piglet with squinty eyes, a plaintively upturned snout and a tuft of soft brown hair planted at a crooked angle between his floppy ears. He's a big-hearted little porker who doesn't understand and so winds up defying the strict segregation that governs farm society - where every creature, from the horse to the fieldmouse, knows his/her/its "proper" place and doesn't think to question. The film may sound precious in theory, but in fact it's a delight, a miniature epic about character and courage that's much more convincing, funny and genuinely poignant than any number of movies about the triumph of the biped spirit. (The film exists in two versions: one has English dialogue and Hebrew subtitles; the other is dubbed into Hebrew, General audiences)

CRITIC'S CHOICE



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The film blends broad caricature with a slightly bookish pace in a manner that's familiar from other BBC-produced adaptations of classic comedies, but which at least comes naturally to director John Schlesinger.

While the movie may be a bit blue-stockinged for certain tastes and while it still isn't up to the level of Schlesinger's best films, it's a thoroughly respectable and thoughtful piece of work. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles, Parental guidance suggested)



#### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Called into action although

completely mad (8) 5 Fought when trapped in (6)

9 Guess that what was left by the deceased was about one thousand (8)

10 A light colour for 20 (6)

II A soldisr who uses

reagents... (8)

12 ... on boring training sessions (6)

14 Colliery worker filled with fear of telepath (4,6)

18 Turning round and becoming expansive about teatime (10)

bideout 22 Religious containing a tree and a sacrificial animal (6)

23 Defamer makes rebel ill (8) 24 Cecil and I have a chill

boiled gently (8)

surroundings (6)

27 eg Manxman tells us how

to catch a mermaid! (8)

DOWN young first (6)

hanging over us (6) 25 Immersed, cooked, and

26 Avaricious editor in drab

1 Ostentatious garment which might be found on

2 Still waiting for an answer 3 Quantity of anaesthetic (6) 4 Might be made to do a

stretch (10)

6 Aim to include the police only when compelled to do so (8) 7 Cleaner who is wary about

son (8)

8 Surgeon's assistants may be holding the plates (8) 13 Is definite about being

closely associated (10) 15 Nice gaps made-ready for

sbpping out (8) 16 Drunken hour, rather late

in the day! (4.4)

17 Remembered finding ring in the long grass (8)

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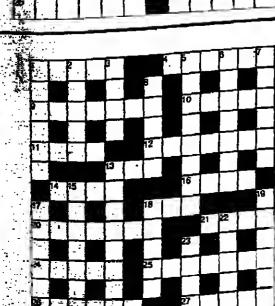
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10 perhaps (6) 21 Dealer who might want some extra derv (6)

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Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Parkin, 4 Metre, 8 Onset, 9 Outcast, 10 Enforce, 11 Dear, 12 Rue, 14 Pica, 15 Vast, 18 Let, 21 Ajar, 23 Recluse, 25 Portion. 26 Antic, 27 Sieve, 28 Decree. DOWN: 1 Proper, 2 Restful, 3 Interval, 4 Mete. 5 Trade, 6 Entire, Cover, 13 Evacuate, 16 Saunter, 17 Campus, 19 Trunk, 20 Rescue, 22 Agree, 24 Pile



#### QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Brief (5) 4 Arrival (6) 9 Remove dirt (5,2) 10 Forbidden (5) 11 Litter smallest (4) 12 Cut off (7) 13 Pupil servant (3) 14 Island (4) 16 Purposes (4) 18 Attempt (3) 20 Finger joint (7) 21 Skin aperture (4)

24 Concert place (5)

25 Sailor's balance

26 Pungent root (6)

(3.4)

27 Add (3.2)

DOWN 1 Fasten (6) 2 Great sea (5) 3 Reservoir (4) 5 Unfashionable (8) 6 On ship (7)

7 Abase oneself (6) 8 Twig (5) 13 Irresponsible (8) 15 Rejected (7) 17 Work dodger (6) 18 Animal (5)

19 Example (6) 22 Open (5)

23 Torch (4)

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6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

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Haite 8512233 Safed 920333
Jerusalem 523133 Tel Aviv 5460111
Karmiel 9985444 Tiberles 792444
\* Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) service in the area, around the clock.

Medical help for tourists (in English) 177-022-9110 The National Poison Control Center at The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-852-9205, 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning. Eran — Emotional First Ald. 1201, also: Jensselem 561-0303, Tal Aviv 548-1111 (children/youth 696-1113), Halfa 867-2222/3, Beersheba 649-4333, Netarnya 625110, Karmiel 988-8770, Kfar Sava 767-4555, Hadera 346789.
Wizo hotlines for battered women 02-651-4111, 03-648-1133 (also in Russian), 07-637-6310, 08-855-0508 (also in Amharic).

Amharic).

Rape Crisis Center (24 hours), Tel Aviv - 523-4819, 544-9191 (men), Jerusalem 625-6558, Halfa 853-0533, Elial 633-1977. Hadassah Medical Organization - Israel Cancer Association support service 02Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 CNN Headline News 20:30 Top Cops 20:55 Diagnosis Murder: Twist of the Knifs 21:45 Snowy River 22:35 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King Live 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV

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# ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons 16:30 Zohara and the Unknown Mari 17:15 Panorama 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors Talk 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 The Dworce of Lady X (1938) – a lawyer forced to share a hotel room with a woman becomes convinced that he's the cause of har immending things Starting Maria her impending divorce. Staring Merle Oberon and Laurence Olivier. (92 mins.) 22:15 Adventures and Challenges 23:25 Jazz into the Night

15:30 Vacation Time 18:00 Butterfly Island 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Basic Arabic 19:30 Reflection 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Welcome to France 21:00 Medicine Demystified 21:30 Anatomy of Desire – documentary explor-ing the history of homosexuality 22:30 Star Trek – The Next Generation 23:15 Mother and Son

IN FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Petta Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perta Negra 20:50 Married with Children 21:15 The Nanny 21:40 Mad About You 22:05 Hope and Gloris 22:30 Murphy Brown 23:20 Frastler 23:45 Metrose Place 00:35 Robin's Hoods 1:25 Rosie CNeis

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 The Kids Are Alright (1979) (rpt)
13:15 Blondle Takes A Vacation (1939) —
Blondle and her lamily take over a banknut hotel and find themselves in trouble.
With Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake. (72
mins.) 14:30 Mad About Ads 15:00 Fatal
Love (1991) — Alson discovers that she
contracted AIDS in a night of passion some
years ago and devotes her time to campalgring in high schools for sale sex. With
Molly Fingwald 16:35 The Biggest Battle
(1978) — star-studded episodic movie of
World War II, including newsreel footage
and Orson Weltes narration. With John
Huston and Henry Fonde. (102 mins.)
19:20 La Gloire de Mon Pere (1990,
French) — Marcel Pagnol's memoirs of
childhood holidays in the Provence countryside, With Philippe Caubere and Nathalie
Roussel (104 mins.) 20:15 Love Bites
(1992) — spoof of vampire movies, with
Adam Ant (38 mins.) 22:00 The Color of
Night (1994) — s psychologist trying to
investigate the brutal murder of a colleague

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becomes involved with a mysterious beauty. With Bruce Wilks and Jane March. (117 mins.) 00:05 Le Morialous (1984, French) French Legionnaires sent to a Tunisian village to rescue treasure during World War il are ambushed by the Germans, and the two survivors decide to keep the gold 1:50 The Force (1994) (rpt) 3:20 Staggered (1993) (rpt)

#### # CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Maya the Bee 8:30 Mor 9:00 Detective Hush Hash 9:40 Little Monsters 10:15 The Children from Oz 10:50 VR Troopers 11:25 Munor Adjustments – new saries 12:05 The Ren and Stimpy Show 12:45 Animaniacs 13:00 Growing Up 13:30 Hugo 14:00 Chiquitias 14:50 Looney Tunes 15:10 Little Monsters (rpx) 16:45 The Children from Oz IIIX) 16:20 VR Troopers (rpx) 16:55 Minor Adjustments (rpx) 17:35 The Ren and Stimpy Show (rpx) 18:30 Growing Up (rpx) 19:00 Hugo (rpx) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jake 21:30 Drop the Dead Donley

#### ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Fear Eals the Soul (1974, German) — a German waitress marries a Moroccan worker despite her lamily's objections, but social pressure causes the rian to suffer a nervous breakdown. With Elhadi Ben-Salam and Brighta Mira, Directed by Rainer Wamer Fassbinder (88 mins.) 23:35 Paris When It Sizzles (1954) — a screenwriter who can't keep up gets help from a secretary and together they act out crazy scripts. With William Holden and Audrey Hepburn. (105 mins.)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Human Nature (rpt) 13:00 Beyond 2000 (rpt) 13:30 Utrascience (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 Human Nature (rpt) 17:00 Beyond 2000 (rpt) 17:30 Utrascience (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 The American Caesar – series on MacAnhur 21:00 Ruby Wax 21:30 Taste of Africa 22:00 Empty Hands, Broken Heart 23:00 American Caesar (rpt) 23:50 Open University

#### SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 Europe 2000 7:30 ITN News Live 8:00 Today 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 17:00 US Money Wheel 19:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Talking to David Frost 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Sport Magazine 00:00 The Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 The Best of Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 The Best of Later with Greg Kinngar

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6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Dangerous Games (rpt) 17:00 Game To Order, Israeli basketball (rpt) 16:00 To be announced baskenaa (pt) 16:00 10 oe announced 19:00 Dangerous Games 19:30 English Soccer - round-up of yesterday's Charity Shield game 21:00 Indycar racing 22:00 Larger Than Life - sumo wrestling 23:00 Special broadcast: Opening of English socCer league 00:00 Baseball - Game of the

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9:30 Athleucs: IAAF Grand Prix, Monaco (rot) 12:00 International Motor Sport Magazine 13:00 Tennis: Mercedes Super 9 ATP Tournament – round-up of final game 14:00 Car Racing: Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix – race 17:00 Golf: WPGA Tournament. Scotland 18:00 Tennis: Charty doubles, Germany (rpt) 19:00 Four-Wheeled Vehicles: meets from locland (rpt) 19:30 Car Racing: Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix – race 21:00 Motor Sport Magazine 23:00 Tractor Pulling 00:00 Eurosport 1:30 Eurogolf 2:00 Pro Wrestling

#### # PRIME SPORTS

6:00 This Week in Cricket 6:30 PGA Golf 7:30 Motor Sports Magazine 8:30 Sports Magazine 9:30 Car Racing: Formula 1 Hunganan Grand Prix (rpt) 11:30 Mountain Bike races from the US 12:30 Asia Sports Show 13:30 Motorcycle Racing: Austrian Grand Prix 14:00 Windsurling Magazine 14:30 Asia Sports Show 15:00 Futbol Mondial 15:30 Sports Magazine 16:30 PGA Golf 19:30 Saling 20:00 Golf: European Tour – Jorge Bruken Tournament 22:00 International Sports Magazine 23:00 Chinese League Soccer 1:30 WWF

BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 World Headlines 6:05 The Money Programme 10:15 The Money Programme 10:15 The Money Programme 11:30 Top Gear (nt) 12:30 Raymond's Blanc Mange (nt) 15:05 World Busness Report 16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 17:30 The Sky at Night (nt) 18:15 The Money Programme 19:30 Tomorrow's World (nt) 20:00 World News 22:05 The Money Programme 22:50 Earth Report 23:30 Time Out: Summer Holiday 00:00 World Business Report

#### RADIO

TOICE OF MUSIC 6:08 Morning Concert 9:05 Contemporary works 12:00 Light Classical — Luciano Pavarotti and Mirelia Freni in excerpts from operas by Contizett, Fossini, Verdi, Pucciri 13:00 Pablo Casals, celo — Schumann; Cello concerto in A minor, Beethoven; Sonata no 1 in F for cello and piano 14:08 Summer Days 15:00 Cycle of Works — Beethoven's piano sonatas 16:00 Early music 17:00 Etnahta — repeal broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. music 17:00 Etnahta – repeat broadcast trom Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Ron Zelka (clarinet), Aviram Reichert (plano). Gilad Hidesheim (violin). Schumann: Fantasestücke for clarinet and piano op 73; A. Gelbrum: Partita for clarinet and piano op 73; A. Gelbrum: Partita for clarinet and piano; Schubert: Sonata in A minor for piano D784; Prokoliev: Sonata in A minor for piano D784; Prokoliev: Sonata in 2 in D tor clannet and piano. Shostakovich: String quartet no 1 in C op 49 (Gertler Ot) 19:00 Rainbow of Sounds 20:05 Mozart: Piano concerto no 21; Debussy: 3 Nocturnes (London SO/BBC Women's Choir/Stokowski) 21:00 A Matter of Agreement 23:00 Just Jazz.

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FORMER justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman was inturogated for over an hour yesterday at National Police Headquarters in Jerusalem, regarding allegations that he had tried to influence a witness in the Deri trial to not cooperate with

Ne'eman, at the police's request, brought documents with him that are hoped to shed additional light on the case. A senior police source said Ne'eman would be summoned again, and that investigators believe that the inquiry would be finished

allegations that in 1991 he tried to convince a witness, Martin Brown, an Israeli citizen who resides in England, not to cooperate with police investigating alleged finan-cial wrongdoing by former interior minister Aryeh Deri.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair last week ordered an investigation into the matter. As a result, Ne'eman resigned as justice minister. The decision on whether to press charges in the case will be

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday that he hoped the investigation would be completed quickly and that Ne'eman would be cleared.

More than 300 lawyers from the State Attorney's Office and districtattorneys' offices have signed a letter condemning Ne'eman's state-

NETANYA police have dismissed

reports that residents of Rishpon are

trying to kill the Ginzberg family.

who said they were bombarded

with blocks, stones and "bottles

filled with imflammable sub-

stances" last Friday night.
Aharon and Sally Ginzberg, resi-

dents of Rishpon, said yesterday

that they are convinced that several

masked men armed with rocks, fire-

bombs and a knife, were trying to

kill them in a vendetta because of

one tried to stab birn, and fired two

shots in the air with a licensed pis-

tol. Police on the other hand, said

that after a detailed investigation.

no-one had been found who tried to

stab Ginzberg. All those detained

after the incident had had criminal

files opened against them for "caus-

ing damage to property only," the police said. The family, said a

senior officer, is deliberately trying

In the past, Ginzberg has filed

to inflate the incident.

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court petitions filed by the family. Aharon Ginzberg said that some-

Rishpon family:

Residents want to kill us

**RAINE MARCUS** 

ments about employees of the Attorney-General's Office which questioned their motives in investigating him.

"As opposed to Ne'eman's statements, attorneys employed by the state are civil servants with a variety of opinions and loyalties who faithfully complete their tasks in a professional manner, without [ulterior] motives," reads the letter, released to the media yesterday

evening.
The letter expressed the lawyers' regret over the entire incident and emphasized that Ne'eman's words had had a highly negative effect on the public's confidence in the legal

Labor MKs yesterday also con-demned the accusations Ne'ernan hurled at Justice Ministry workers, the attorney-general and the attorney MK Avraham Shohat said that even if Ne'eman is acquitted in the end, he would not be able to return to the Justice Ministry after making such statements.

Labor leader Shimon Peres spoke out against "the atmosphere of purges in the ministries and Civil Service, as though the IDF is a partisan thing and only those who think like the party can serve in it, and as though the justice system and the civil service are party matters. In fact, they are robbing us of existence as a people. Itim contributed to this report.

several petitions to the High Court

of Justice and the Tel Aviv District

Court against what he describes as

injustices, unfair play and violation

of the family's rights by other Rishpon residents who are mem-

In his petitions Ginzberg also

accused residents and those close to

the local council of financial and

Since then, he says, his family has

Graffiti at the entrance to the moshav, several kilometers north of

Kfar Shmaryahu, read that, if

Ginzberg continues his legal cam-

paign, he will be in a wheelchair

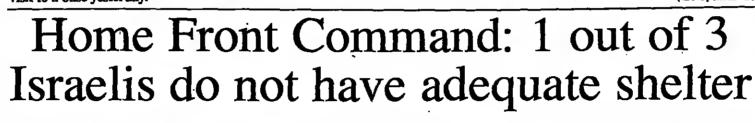
"We investigated the whole inci-

and then hanged at the gallows.

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been subjected to threats.

bers of the Farmers' Association.



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai tries out a pilot's helmet with the help of OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu during a

SINCE the 1991 Gulf war, Arab states have heavily stockpiled surface-to-surface missiles and the threat to Israel is much worse today than when Iraqi Scuds slammed into Tel Aviv. Despite this, one in every three Israelis does not have adequate shelter protection from missiles and some 400,000 people are without gas

Nevertheless, OC Home Front Maj.-Gen, Shmuel Arad said the IDF is capable of protecting the population against air or missile

"We can't totally prevent them there is no total security," Arad told military reporters. There is no other nation which faces threats like the State of Israel [is facing), but the response given to the citizens today is the best and no other country in the world, Halting this program would save response," Arad said, adding that the appropriate responses including much wealthier ones, about NIS 120 million. Benthe Home Front is currently existing threats," Arad said.

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

knows how to give an encompass-

ing protection as we do." Arad was speaking to mark the beginning of Home Front week. His comments came just a few weeks after the government decided that gas masks were not to be called in for maintenance next

Col. Arieh Ben-Shalom, head of the gas masks branch of the Home Front, said there are 5.5 million gas masks in the hands the public and the remaining 400,000 citizens bad not bothered to collect their masks. He said some 83 percent of his branch's work is devoted to maintaining gas masks already held by Israelis. Batteries die, filters must be replaced and injections of antidotes expire.

Darawshe said he was also pre-

pared to travel to Syria and meet

with the authorities there to deter-

mine the whereabouts of the

MIAs, if he received an official

Israeli-Arab journalist that he

was told during a visit to Syria two years ago that the bodies of

10 Israelis were buried in ceme-teries near Palestinian refugee

Darawshe said yesterday that

the journalist, whom he named as

Ghassan B'tzul from Reina vil-

lage near Nazareth, was reliable

a delegation headed by Darawshe

which went to Syria two years

ago to offer condolences to

President Hafez Assad over the

in a recent edition of the Nazareth-based Arabic language

weekly Kol al-Arab. The newspa-

per report said the reporter, who

The reporter's story appeared

death of his son Basil.

The journalist had been part of

camps in Syria.

request from the government. This follows revelations by an Arad came out in favor of the

However, he was cautious not to get involved in a political argument, saying it was up to the government to decide the fate of the

existing plan to maintain gas

gas mask program. "We certainly understand that there are budgetary considerations. The data was presented to the prime minister and defense minister and I presume they will receive the appropriate answers,"

Arad said. "There is no limit to safety and you can invest in it without end. I think that the basic security components die supply, as part of the IDF umballa, give a fundamental response," Arad said, adding that

the visit to Syria and met with a

senior official from one of the

Palestinian organizations which

According to the report, the

journalist was taken to a cemetery

near the camp where he was told

a number of Israelis were buried.

He also said that he noticed some

graves with numbers in Arabic. He was reportedly told that those

buried there included the three missing soldiers from the 1982

Sultan Yacoub battle in Lebanon,

Yehuda Katz, Zacharia Baumel

and Zvì Feldman, as well as two

soldiers missing from the 1968

Palestinians in Jordan, and a

Furthermore, he learned that

other bodies were buried at a

cemetery at another refugee camp

near Damascus, and that over the

years the bodies had been moved

from one cemetery to another

because of disputes between

Palestinian organizations over

The journalist apparently decid-

responsibility for the bodies.

Karameh

Jewish woman.

battle against

has headquarters in Damascus.

installing a warning network system throughout the country.

"In a few months, most of the state of Israel will be linked up to this network," he said. Arad also said that a special pro-

settlements and that every Arab

Arad said 35 percent of the population does not have access to bomb shelters or security rooms. However, he noted that this is an improvement and that the percent-

the appropriate responses to the

transpires there is any truth in this

matter, I am prepared to mediate

with members of Palestinian

organizations in Syria," said

been approached by Yosef Katz,

father of Yehuda Katz, and had

promised to investigate the

[from the government] I am also

prepared to travel to Syria and

meet with the authorities there.

This is an important humanitarian

and political issue and I willing to

contribute whatever I can," said

Hizbullah last night offered to

exchange a captured SLA militia-

man for Hizbullah fighters held in

Sbeik Naim Qassem. Hizbullah's deputy secretary gen-

eral, said Hizbullah gunmen cap-

tured the man a week ago in the

'We're ready to exchange him

Qassem.

the security zone.

security zone.

Darawshe said he had already

"If I receive an official request

Darawshe.

reports.

ject is underway to install complete safety features in Arab villages in the North. He said that during Operation Grapes of Wrath, Hizbullah broke its tradition of not sbelling Israeli-Arab village under Katyusha threat would be addressed in the coming

age is being reduced every year.

"I feel that we are giving today



Winning cards

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, the seven of hearts, the queen of dia-monds, and the ace of clubs.

Two gunmen reported killed in South Lebanon clash

**DAVID RUDGE** 

TWO gunmen, apparently from a Palestinian organization, were reported to have been killed in a clash with IDF troops inside the

security zone yesterday morning. There were no IDF casualties in the clash, which, according to news agencies reporting from Lebanon, occurred near Talousa

village in the zone's central sector. The agency reports, quoting South Lebanese Army sources, said IDF troops had spotted a squad of gunmen trying to infiltrate the zone and had opened fire

on them, killing two.
The gunmen are believed to have been en route to carry out an attack against IDF and SLA troops. This follows recent Hizbullah operations which killed one IDF soldier and wounded four

By last night, no organization had claimed responsibility for yesterday morning's incident. Reports from Lebanon, however, said it appears that the gunmen killed in the incident were members of a Palestinian organization, probably George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

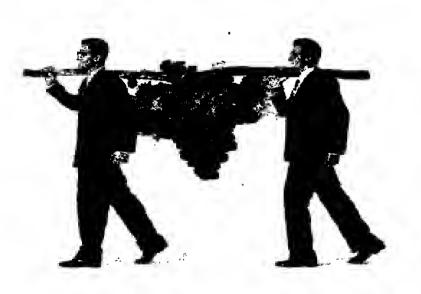
The IDF Spokesman confirmed that IDF troops had clashed with terrorists in the security zone. A terse IDF statement said that soldiers on operational duties in the zone had encountered a terrorist

The statement only said the soldiers opened fire and hit the gunmen, and that there were no casualties among the IDF troops.

#### MK Darawshe offers to mediate with Palestinian groups in Syria over MIAs on Palestinian sources, that bodies of MIAs were buried in Syria. "I intend to check the Kol al-Palestinian refugee camp during bodies of Israeli MIAs are buried Arab report with the reporter. If it

dent on Friday night and Saturday." said a Sharon sub-district police "We questioned people, and are now convinced more than ever that the family has blown the whole incident out of proportion. No-one tried to kill Mr Ginzberg."

MK Abdul Wahab Darawsbe (Democratic Arab Party) yesterday offered to mediate with Palestinian organizations in Syria, following a report that the



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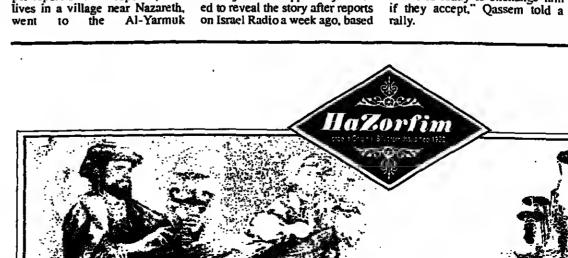
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